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** ANGOLA. 1088, RNA-Canal "A", Mulenvos, 2246-2256, 21 Jul'10, Portuguese, Portuguese songs, viz. fados, perhaps because the Portuguese president is visiting the country; 22441. At the same time, 4949.7 was putting a fair, but empty!, carrier. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, July 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGOLA. Hi Everyone, I have had R·dio Nacional de Angola with full audio, since prior to 1900 UT on 4949.7ish. 7216v also in, but no audio. Full log and more info to follow later. 73s (David Sharp, NSW Australia, UT July 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

4949.742, R·dio Nacional de Angola, 1856, Portuguese, 1856, actually with full audio today. Nice local music to 1859, time check and ID by a woman, into drum solo with mention of "Luanda" by a man, followed by second "R·dio Nacional" ID. Time tones to 1900, then third ID by a woman, and into news. 7216.76 also in, but no audio on that frequency 23 July (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, etc., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4949.7, RNA-Canal "A", Mulenvos, 2114-2212, 23 Jul'10, Portuguese, talks, songs (both local & international), short news bulletin at 2200 followed by more songs; almost normal modulation level this time, and also the following day, 24/7; 35231 (Carlos GonÁalves - PORTUGAL, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4950, R. Nacional Angola, Mulenvos. July, 24 0550-0604 Pop music seems in Vernacular, male announcements in Portuguese ìR. Nacionalî, English Pop music, male and female ìR. Nacional Angolaî, short Hilife music, 0600 time pips, male ìBom dia!, 24 de julho de 2010.. 15 reuni„o africana.. cimeira de lÌngua portuguesa..î, outside talks. Noisy, 35333 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4949.85, ANGOLA, presumed R. Nacional de Angola, Mulenvos, 0148-0207, July 26, Portuguese. Ballads with brief announcer; pips at ToH & W announcer with news and music bridges; M announcer with report; canned announcement at 0206 followed by more ballads; no discernible ID noted; poor; first time in a while I've logged any usable audio from this one (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200" Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, once again no trace of a carrier from LRA36, July 22 at 1325 tho there was one on 15480. I intend for this to be my last non-reception report of it for a while.

15476, LRA36 is back! Detectable for the first time since July 8: Tuesday July 27 at 1313 carrier with some modulation audible, 1316 music, 1340 YL announcement; peaking around 1355 and then quickly fading but carrier still there at 1411. Seems right on 15476 this time. Meanwhile, no signal from neighbors on 15480.

Maurits Van Driessche in Belgium was also getting it at exactly the same time and sent me a screen shot at 1339 on 15476.000 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476, 1339 UT July 27, LRA36, R Nacional Arc·ngel San Gabriel, with some very soft sounds Spanish, but not always. Foto Perseus carrier attached (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENIING DIGEST)

** ASIA [non]. U S A [non]. Updated summer A-10 of Radio Free Asia:

Burmese	0030-0130	13820	13865	17835					
	1230-1330	7390	9335	13675					
	1330-1400	7390	9335	12140					
	1400-1430	7390	9335						
	1630-1730	9945							
Canto-	1400-1430	5835							
nese	1430-1500	5835	7280						
	2200-2300	9355	11715	11785					
Chinese	0300-0600	13760	15120	15615	15635	17615	17880	21550	21690
	0600-0700	13760	15120	15615	15635	17615	17880	21550	

	1500-1600	9455	9905	11540	12005	12025	13675	15495	
	1600-1700	5820	9455	9905	11540	11795	12025	13675	
	1700-1800	5820	7280	9355	9455	9540	9905	11540	11795
		13625							
	1800-1900	7280	7355	9355	9455	9540	9865	11540	11700
		13625							
	1900-2000	1098	7260	7355	7435	9355	9455	9865	9875
		9905	11700	11785	13625				
	2000-2100	1098	6140	7260	7355	7435	9355	9455	9905
		11740	11785	13625					
	2100-2200	1098	6140	7355	7435	9455	9905	11740	13625
	2300-0000	7540	11760	11785	15430	15485	15585		
Khmer	1230-1330	12140	15160						
	2230-2330	7480	13740						
Korean	1500-1700	1350	5810	7210	7455				
	1700-1800	1350	5810	9370					
	1800-1900	1350	5810	7465					
	2100-2200	1350	7460	9385	12075				
Lao	0000-0100	15545	15690						
	1100-1200	9355	15145						
Tibetan	0100-0300	9365	9885	11695	15225	17730			
	0600-0700	17510	17780	21500	21690				
	1000-1100	15460	17750	21530					
	1100-1200	7470	13830	15670	17750				
	1200-1400	7470	11590	11605	13830	15670			
	1500-1600	9370	11585	11595	11795				
	2200-2300	5865	7505	9880					
	2300-0000	7470	7505	9805	9875				
Uyghur	0100-0200	9350	9490	11895	11945	17640			
	1600-1700	9350	9370	9555	11750				
Vietna-	1400-1430	1503	7520	9715	9805	11605	11680	12140	
mese	1430-1500	7520	9715	9805	11605	11680	12140		
	2330-0000	1359	7520	11605	13740	15560			
	0000-0030	7445	11605	13740	15560				

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 26 July via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 2368.5, Radio Symban (presumed). 1254-1316, July 23. Poor, but reception much better than normal with them coming through the QRN; non-stop Greek music and songs; 1316-1325: series of announcers (callers?) in assume Greek; scheduled program was ì?ragoudia apo to Parelthonî with urban popular music with live calls (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2368.49, R. Symban. Definitely getting Greek-sounding music at 1017 tune/in. Actually sounded more like Arab music. Wailing vocal and flute at 1023. M announcer briefly at 1028, then a little longer at 1031. Faded pretty quickly and gone by 1037. Oddly, other 120 mb

Aussies not doing any better this morning. Wonder if this increased power. Would be surprised if it hadn't. (25 July) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA USA, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD) Nowhere near 100 kW at VL8s (gh)

2368.5, Radio Symban (presumed). 1323-1344, July 25. Mostly Greek music and songs; sounded like a cross between Greek and Middle Eastern sounding repetitive music; heard announcer in probably Greek. Dave Valko (Dunlo, PA) was also hearing the same type of music here about three hours earlier (exceptionally good reception for the East Coast!); reception with summertime QRN, but not too bad. Ian Baxter reminds me that after their most current transmitter move, they are now in Leppington, a suburb located in SW Sydney. Audio attachment has 45 seconds of their music (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Audio of 45 seconds of their music posted at:
http://www.mediafire.com/?iw7gr922n6b0maq
(Ron Howard, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

Nice recording, Ron. It's not unusual to compare Greek and Middle Eastern music as Greek was spoken in the Middle East even before Latin was. There was bound to be a meld of cultures. Greece and Turkey have had a love/hate relationship going back thousands of years and various parts of their two countries were under each other's control at various times (Mark Coady, Ont., NASWA yg via DXLD)

2368.5, Radio Symban at 1205, poor, Greek music. Signal built to fair, strong level by 1215. Mostly Greek music but some talk by man and later a woman. July 26 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening by Lake Kalamalka from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Florida Logs:
2310, VL8A, Alice Springs NT, 1000 weakest of the three, 22 July
2325, VL8T, Tennant Creek NT, 1000 some audio, 22 July
2485, VL8K, Katherine NT, 1000 strongest of the three, 22 July
4835, Alice Springs, NT, 0735 on 19 July, nothing on 4910
6230 USB, VMW ID by om at 1008 after weather update. 21 July
(Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, US, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, July 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

2325, ABC Tennant Creek at 1139 a political affairs discussion. Normally the three Northern Territory outlets are all parallel, but this morning they all had different programming. 2310 and 2485 had music programs, but different. Also no ABC at 1200. Poor-fair but improved to good, July 26 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening by Lake Kalamalka from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1

active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4910, ABC Northern Territory Service (Tennant Creek), 0824-0830*, 7/21/2010, English. Pop music with talk by man and woman. Closing announcements by woman at 0830. Poor signal on hot, humid night here, with high noise level. Other NT stations not heard (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, Random Wire (90'), ALA100M Loop (20'), Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 4920, Radio Australia, 1930, English, very faint with Pacific Service. Tried every frequency combo I could think of, but couldn't come up with a mixing product, which worked out to this frequency. And I couldn't find an active frequency that would produce a sub-harmonic here. Whatever was happening, I haven't heard it since. Interesting sidebar: wasn't this frequency used for VLM4 (Bald Hills-Brisbane), many years ago? 19 July (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, etc., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Got it: 4920 = Shep 7240 leapfrog over 6080, 1160 kHz lower. Or 2A minus B. Yes, I remember VLM4 Brisbane well, coincidentally. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, Thanks for working out the math! Problem seems to have been corrected but who knows? May reappear at some point. Again, many thanks for your help on this. 73s (David Sharp, ibid.)

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. Not only is RA on 9560, 9580 and 9590, with Late Night Live ending segment about excessive US support of Israel, right or wrong, July 26 at 1235 but also three seconds later on 9965, fair signal, which is due west from PALAU at 11-13; and furthermore // 9580 on 11945, fair at 1239 which is 329 degrees from Shepparton at 07-13 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHRAIN. 6010, R Bahrain, Abu Hayan (presumed), 2345-2400, Jul 10, English ann, British pop songs, deep fades, best in USB due to heterodyne from Colombia, 23312 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

** BELARUS. Begging from stations --- I follow every weekend program "Letters to Editor" from Radio Belarus, where Larisa Su·rez (as become my personal friend) read letters listening. It is a constant irritation to hear her - calmly and patiently - read up received begging, mostly from India and Pakistan. Unashamedly calls these "DXer" pennants, books, stamps, photo o.s.v. and this usually without any listening to the broadcast report. They claim to have material for exhibitions, Believe that want.

I believe that these beggar DXers guise is as great a threat for those who collect QSL as a gentleman in Italy (Is he still active, anyway?). Hustler certainly contributes to the destruction of all honest DXers. I've basically stopped collecting QSL in broadcasting; my reports to radio amateurs are treated and answered generally very positively, although fraud also occurs from listeners in that area. I find it extraordinary positive when I sent an e-mail report and may QSL direct from an amateur, something has happened countless times.

Those of you who visited radio stations and been able to watch the incoming reports (which I could do in Ankara a number of years ago) have seen the huge range between nearly perfect and reporting the opposite. It is not surprising if some stations are turning dx-backs, when too many non-serious players on the move. Greetings, (Ullmar in Norrkˆping through NORDX, SW Bulletin July 25, Google translation for DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. Florida Logs:
3309.98, Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, YL under T-storms hash 1000
on 23 July
3390.01, Radio Emisoras Camargo, Camargo seems irregular 2330 to 0030
4409.8, Radio Eco, Reyes, 0000 on 21 July
4451.2, Radio Santa Ana, Santa Ana de Yacuma, 2350 on 21 July
4700, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta, 1000 and 0000 every day!
4716.19, Radio Yura, Yura 1000 and 0000 every day
5952, R. Pio XII, Siglo Veinte, silent? 21, 22, 23 July [see below]
(Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, US, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, July 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4780, 25/07 2314, RADIO LIVRE (QTH?). YL ID, transmite Radio Livre [sic], programa m˙sica bailable, oferecmento m˙sicas, 34333 (OBS: CITANDO A CIDADE DE SUCRE) (IVANILDO GON«ALVES DANTAS, MOTORADIO PF 76AC, ANTENA T 25M, NAVEGANTES SC, Brasil, July 26, radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD)

The nominal Bolivian, on 4782 is Radio Tacana, Tumupasa; same? The word in Spanish is Libre. Or correlates with Wilkner`s unID on 4780? See UNIDENTIFIED. IIRC, Ivanildo`s frequencies are approximate (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4795.92, R Lipez, Uyuni, 0239, July 24, Spanish announcement mentioned " .. fin de semana..", indigenous songs to past 0315 when tune-out. Weak but completely in the clear. Tentative only, seems unusually late for them? Had previously heard this July 17 0247 to 0305 which is roughly the same time that Karel Honzik was listening, cf. DXLD 10-29 under UNIDENTIFIED (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Is it pronounced LÌpez, or ``LipÈz`` I will keep asking until someone answers (gh, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 5952.4. R. PÌo XII, Siglo XX, 2216-2225, 17 Jul'10, Quechua, talks often mentioning "sindicato" [trade union], songs in Castilian; 34432, adjacent QRM. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, July 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

22/7, 5952.448, 0015, Em Pio XII, Siglo Veinte, Spanish talks by male and nacional march (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, HCDX via DXLD)

5952.46, 0030-0040 16.07, R Pio XII, Siglo XX, Quechoa religious talk and short pieces of hymns, heard best in USB due to QRM from 5950, 32332 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.82, R. Santa Cruz, 1055-1100+ Jul 19. Religious program ending; man with canned ID at 1056 announcing freqs of 960, 6135, and 92.? FM "desde Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia"; flute music to 1100, then into another program. Fair but deteriorating quickly (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 60-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6155.355, 2303 UT July 25, R. Fides, La Paz, Spanish news, weak (Perseus SDR, Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, HCDX via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Logs July 21 [in chronological order, not frequency]:

9564.568,	2053,	Super R·dio Deus È Amor, Curitiba, Strong and clear Portuguese talks by male, ID, Voz do Brasil
9629.920,	2058,	R. Aparecida, Aparecida, talks by male and female, good
9645.355,	2112,	R. Bandeirantes, S„o Paulo, talks by male and female, splatter China 9640
9665.120,	2120,	R. Voz Mission·ria, FlorianÛpolis, talks about Brasil, good
10000,	2130,	ObservatÛrio, Rio de Janeiro, time pips, ID, Observatorio, fair
11749.890,	2137,	R. Voz Mission·ria, FlorianÛpolis, Nice Portuguese songs, fair
11765,	2142,	S˙per R·dio Deus È Amor, Curitiba, speech by male, good
11780,	2146,	R. Nacional da AmazÙnia, BrasÌlia, strong talks by male and female on a phone, good
11815,	2150,	R. [Brasil] Central, Goi,nia, talks about the problems in Brasil, good
5990,	2155,	R. Senado, BrasÌlia, jazz music, with comments, very good
5970,	2200,	R. Itati·ia, Belo Horizonte, weak talks about Brasil

5939.940, 2205, R. Voz Mission·ria, Cambori˙, Nice meditation music
and comments by male
6135.030, 2210, R. Aparecida, Aparecida, Full ID

22 July:
9504.980, 2124, R. Record, S„o Paulo, Two men in conversation about
Brasil, fair
9675, 2130, R. CanÁ„o Nova, Cachoeira Paulista, many IDs as
"CanÁ„o Nova", very good
11854.940, 2140, R. Aparecida, Aparecida, Typical music, fair
11925.203, 2147, R. Bandeirantes, S„o Paulo, talks about S„o Paulo
73, (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, HCDX via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Florida Logs
2379.9v [tentative], R·dio Educadora, Limeira, 7 and 20 July, 1000 to
1020, easy to mix with harmonic?
3375.451, R·dio Municipal S„o Gabriel da Cachoeira, 1000 to 1020
excellent signal with Brasil music, om and yl, 22 July
4875.5, Rdif Roraima, Boa Vista RR, seems silent again
4894.91, R·dio Novo Tempo, Campo Grande PR, 1000 on 22 July
4985, R·dio Brasil Central, Goi,nia. Excellent signal 2300 to
0000 on 20 July
(Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, US, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro
DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, July 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4845.22, R. Cultura Ondas Tropicais, 1032, Portuguese,
comments by a man and into nice local music. Sounded a bit
undermodulated. 24 July.

4885, UnID (R·dio Clube do Par·?), 0740, male DJ with nice Brazilian
music, not the usual Rdiff. Acreana, which I hear much later. Kept it
on as background music and really didn't pay attention for an ID.
Faded-out or off around 0850. 24 July.

4914.98, Radiodifusora Macap·, 0957, EZL pops with male announcer,
presumed because I missed ID at 1000 if one given; CODAR QRM. 24 July
(David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-
SW7600GR, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. InconfidÍncia com pouca potÍncia em 49 metros. O que
aconteceu com o transmissor de 6010 kHz que deveria estar com 25 kW
desde o final do mÍs de marÁo? Faz meses que est„o com sinal igual ou
levemente inferior a Itatiaia que tambÈm emite nesta faixa e com 10
kW. E o transmissor de ondas curtas em 19 metros (15190), o que houve
com a promessa da reativaÁ„o? Passaram-se 4 meses e nada ainda (…dison
Bocorny Jr., Novo Hamburgo RS, 25 July, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. AlguÈm tem informaÁ„o sobre o sinal da R·dio Bandeirantes

de S„o Paulo em 49 metros? Estaria em manutenÁ„o? (Jo„o Ricardo Bergamini, py4tw, 24 July, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Jo„o, A respeito do sinal de 6090 kHz em 49 m da Bandeirantes SP, o que desconfio È que em virtude de h· muito est· transmitindo fora da frequÍncia original, talvez esteja em manutenÁ„o. A Band estava com harmÛnicos [sic] em 5990 e 6190 kHz mais ou menos. Eu enviei uma porÁao de e-mails para a emissora relatando a irregularidade. Um deles deve ter chegado ao tÈcnico.

Vamos louvar a Bandeirantes de SP por n„o desprezar as ondas curtas como outras emissoras fazem. Nas suas vinhetas de identificaÁ„o cita todas as frequÍncias da emissora, inclusive as 3 ondas curtas (6090 kHz - 9645 kHz - 11925 kHz). 73 (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira sp - 24-7-2010, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. Re 10-29, RNA on 6195 one night only: Hi Glenn, Probably R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia testing its new shortwave transmitters relaying R·dio Nacional do Rio de Janeiro (it was really sports transmission of a soccer game of Vasco da Gama).

I have heard in Radio Senado 5990 kHz regular programming they are "in experimental transmission" and now with good signal arriving around 2100 UT. I¥ll try to catch this 6195 kHz.

Soon they are supposed to activate the 4 new 100 kW transmitter facilities. Presently emissions for sure are low powered, presumed less than 50 kW, maybe less. Regards (Sarmento Campos, Brasil, July 22, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 9564.6, SRDA, Curitiba PR, 1412- (still observing this as I compile today's report), 26 Jul'10, shouting preacher; 15341. No other 31 m band [Brazilian] stations audible at this hour. I have been trying 9695 for R. Rio Mar, Manaus AM, which was typically heard at midday here on occasions, but no luck so far, be it at that time or other (Carlos GonÁalves - PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9665.12, Radio Voz Mission·ria, 0003-0015, July 25, Portuguese preacher. Weak. Poor with adjacent channel splatter. // 5939.92 - weak in noisy conditions. Very weak on // 11749.87 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** BRAZIL. 11780, R·dio Nacional da AmazÙnia, 0325-0345*, July 24, local pop music. Portuguese talk. Abrupt sign off. Good signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** BRAZIL. 12175, 11355, S˙per R·dio Deus È Amor, 0125-0200+, July 24, unstable, slightly distorted but readable spurs from 11765 with

Portuguese preacher and some religious music. Spurs +/- 410 kHz away from 11765. Best in AM mode. Very weak // 9564.57. Fair signal on 11765 (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX Listening Digest)

** BRAZIL [non]. 15415, threshold signal, with excited commentary, like a football game, July 23 at 2210. Can it be in Brazilian? Initially I imagine that R. Clube de Ribeir„o Preto, SP could have returned after many years. Propagation possible from RP, SP, as the Argentine het is audible on 15345v. So I strain to confirm the language at least. Fortunately, there are no RHC 15370 spurs in the area today. Unfortunately, 15415 signal gets worse instead of better. 2221 it`s music instead. 2233 back to talk, but more like information now. Just too weak, I give up at 2236.

Looked up later, it must be R. Australia, Indonesian service from Shep at 22-24. AAMOF, RA English toward Pacific was putting in much better signals on 15560, 15230.

WRTH 2010 still has this 15415 station listed, but as *inactive, ZYE955, 1 kW. But it`s been gone so long that it doesn`t even appear in the `inactive` list at http://www.mcdxt.it/LASWLOGS.html which BTW never picked up our reports that LRA36 was M-F, not M/W/F.

Another colorful Brazilian place name, meaning Black Brook, or large stream. There are still a number of Brazilian stations including some on SW which are ``Clubs``, notably 4885, Par·. I assume these originated as true clubs in the early radio era, but are these now just holdovers in corporate nomenclature? Does being a `club` station imply they were, or are, noncommercial?

WRTH for SP23 station gives enviable URL http://www.clube.com.br/ where one might answer some of these questions. It looks like an extensive business, with three FM stations, two AM, and a lot about HDTV, not old-hat SW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 9625, continuous tone test again, July 24 at 0510, CBCNQ transmitter not really turned off when programming finished a few minutes earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 9650, CRI (via Sackville) at 1300 on July 21 with repeating RCI IS and bilingual ID to 1305 when "China Drive" was joined in progress. Who was asleep at the switch today? It could either have been RCI or the satellite feed for CRI (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** CANADA [and non]. Montreal notes --- Hello, Major maintenance and DTV preparation started three weeks ago on the Mont-Royal tower resulting in all local analogs going off the air around midnight

during the week. Three FM stations are also usually affected by this: 89.3 - 90.3 - 91.3

Much to my chagrin, nothing much noted during this time. Some of the stuff noted: CIII-2 Bancroft ON - tentative WHEC-10 Rochester NY - tentative CHEX-12 Peterborough ON - and that's about it. The atmosphere hasn't been very cooperative too say the least.

One interesting thing: WVNY-13 in Burlington VT comes in WAY better when CFCF-12 is off the air. The signal meter will jump from the usual 66% to 85% when local 12 goes off the air. Should be interesting when CFCF goes digital.

The maintenance on Mont-Royal should last at least until the end of August. Crossing my fingers that we get some decent tropo.

Also of interest, at least two stations will NOT move their final DTV transmitters to the Mont-Royal tower. Remember, there is a moratorium on any new transmitter atop Mont-Royal so the transition facilities had to be installed somewhere else. T…L… QU…BEC (CIVM DT-27) has already installed their transition facilities atop the Olympic Stadium tower, they are happy with the results, and they should stay there for good.

Same thing with "V" (CFJP DT-42). The info comes from a technician who works there. Transmitter is on a downtown building at the corner of Amherst and Sherbrooke Sts and should be the permanent location. They will however ask permit for at least one more transmitter (and channel) to cover the western part of the island because of the mountain blocking the signal.

The major reason for not going to the Mont-Royal tower is financial. The costs are apparently way too expensive, especially for "V" (ex-TQS), who's already got its share of financial woes.

That's about it for now, hopefully will have some DX to report soon. 73, (Charles Gauthier, Brossard, QC, July 25, WTFDA via DXLD)

** CANADA. WWCR inbooming on 15825, July 27 around 1400, so sporadic E in play. Started monitoring NTSC channel 2 with antenna toward OKC; suddenly at 1453 fades in 7-day forecast in Celsius, spoken timecheck in English at 8:53, and Global bug in LR. Therefore it can only be CICT Calgary; rotated toward them but signal had already weakened, in and out, mostly out. But bodes well for further TVDX axion later today [but fizzled]. 1459 fade in again, ``Global Calgary Morning News`` flashed briefly on screen. 1200+ mile range.

The 6m Es map at

http://www.vhfdx.net/spots/map.php?Lan=E&Frec=50&Map=NA
showed a ham contact between OK and AB among many others across the USA, also eastward (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHILE. 9445, CVC La Voz at 1910 in Spanish with light folk vocal music and childrenís songs and a man with talk with inspirational talk with mentions of ìEstado Unidosî then into a woman with talk at 1525 [sic, presumably means 1925 UT] followed by a man with talk about ìEstados Unidosî and ìCubaî then a string of promos and a definite ìCVC La Vozî ID at 1932 - Very Weak July 26. Is this a new frequency or a mistake? (Mark Coady, 829 Fife Bay Marina Lane, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD)

Very interesting. Was it missing from usual frequency at 12-23, 9635? // 17680 for comparison. Cannot figure how a mixing product could land on 9445. Posted July 25, so date must have been July 24 or earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, LISTENING DIGEST)

Nothing noted today (July 25) from my QTH on either 9445 or 9635. (Mark Coady, 2024 UT, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Mark Coady in Ontario had heard CVC on 9445 July 24 at 1910-1932, so I checked for it July 25 around 1815, nothing; and around 2015 when I could barely hear it on its correct frequency 9635, // much stronger 17680 in Spanish from Miami, and still nothing on 9445. A fluke mistake, or test? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 10000, BPM, Lintong, 1259 Jul 19. "BPM" Morse code ID's to 1259:40; couldn't tell if voice IDs followed (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 60-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** CHINA. 4940, Voice of the Strait, Fuzhou, 1315-1330, Jun 26, talk program in Chinese, and ann including the stationís name ìHaixia zhi Shengî with background music at 1325, 35443 (Nobuya Kato, Fujisawa-city, Kanagawa, Japan, on a DX-pedition to Katsurashima, a small island located in the bay of Matsushima, near Sendai, Northeast of Japan and approx. 350 kilometers from Tokyo. He brought his AOR AR-7030 and put up a 20 metres long, outdoor longwire, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

** CHINA. Propagation pretty poor July 22; Firedrake:
8400, JBA at 1243
10500, poor at 1333, but not at earlier chex
No others found 8-18 MHz; nor any CNR1/motorboating/het jamming against V. of Tibet audible in the 15.5-15.6 range like yesterday

[and non]. Firedrake July 23:
8400, JBA at 1215
10500, good at 1230, 1341
No others found up to 18 MHz; hardly anything was propagating above 13 MHz before 1300. Costa Rica 15170 the only significant signal on 19m, at 1240 Catalan.

Firedrake July 24:
8400, tuned in earlier than usual at 1132, NOT FD but instead CNR1 programming, M&W alternating in Chinese, confirmed as such at 1138 by // CNR1 usual jammer on 9845 when there was a bit of music. Also // 11785 but an echo apart at 1143, and also // usual CNR1 jammers on 11990, 12040. Still no trace of victim Sound of Hope on 8400, but the less cautious list-logger might have assumed that was it.
8400, by 1224 next check, had switched back to Firedrake, `ramshorn` passage; poor-fair at 1236
10500, FD fair at 1140, gone at 1233
13060, FD poor at 1145, gone at 1233
14700, FD poor at 1151, poor-fair at 1231

Firedrake, July 25:
14700, fair at 1307. Not heard anywhere else

Firedrake July 26:
10500, good at 1236; none found lower
15140, fair at 1242 // 10500; none found higher

I retuned at 1320 and found them both going, but just in time to hear 15140 cut modulation and a couple seconds later cut carrier at 1320:18*. Then 10500 did the same thing at 1320:35*. No doubt from same transmitter site and it took 17 seconds for operator to get from one unit to the next. A rather strange time to close, but monitoring HQ must have decided that #1 enemy Sound of Hope had gone off.

Firedrake July 27:
8400, JBA at 1307, nothing 9-12 MHz
14700, poor at 1311, good at 1416
14980, good at 1418 // 14700
No others found up to 18 MHz
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. 11775, July 26 at 0527 Arabic with strange accent, then soft music, vs residual DentroCuban jamming against R. MartÌ which never is on 11775 at this hour. 0535 into Chinese music, a clue that it`s really CRI relay as scheduled via ALBANIA, 240 degrees at 05-07 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 13590, CRI English, July 24 at 1147, M&W discussing Summer

Palace, scripted rather than idle chat, VG, much better but 2 sex behind // Sackville 6040. 13590 is supposedly Beijing site at 193 degrees, English at 10-12. At 1150, CRI English also on 13720, weaker than 13590 and about one word behind it. 13720 is Xi`an at 200 degrees, also 10-12 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. China Radio International on 1540 --- Is there anyone else other than KGBC in Texas known to be running CRI's leased-time English programming on 1540?

I was driving in south-central Michigan (between Jackson and Battle Creek) at 8 PM tonight, listening for semi-local KTGG to sign off, when they faded away and I heard the tail end of a China Radio International show, followed by a fragment of an ID that sounded like it was mentioning "97.3 FM and 1540 AM," followed by an announcement that "the following program is paid for by China Radio International."

Alas, whatever ID might have been in there was drowned out by kid-QRM from the back seat. I'd love to believe that I was hearing some sunset DX from KGBC; but I suspect there's another answer somewhere closer to Albion, Michigan! S (Scott Fybush, July 25, IRCA via DXLD)

CHIN-1540 Toronto is running CRI at that time according to their website. http://chinradio.com/schedule-toronto-1540/
Their FM simulcast is on 91.9 however. 73, (Deane McIntyre, VE6BPO, ibid.) Scott said he misread/heard the FM frequency (gh)

** COLOMBIA. 5910+, July 23 at 0527, usual peppy music for the insomniax from Marfil EstÈreo, as quickly IDed, but timechex are always off. At 0527:20 claimed it was 12:26. Circa 0530 full FM ID with alfanumeric callsign; good signal, often absent but not tonight. I could tell it`s slightly on the hi side, and Maurits van Driessche, Belgium measured it on 5910.010 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

22/7, 5910.010, 0021, Marfil EstÈreo, Lomalinda, typical songs in Spanish, fair. 73, (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, HCDX via DXLD)

6009.752, 2301 UT, LV de Tu Conciencia, Lomalinda, Spanish ID "Conciencia", fair.

25 July: 6035, 2259 UT, LV Guaviare, S.J. Guaviare, Spanish music, full ID at 0000 by male as "Guaviare", fair (Perseus SDR, Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD)

6035.01, LV del Guaviare, 0959-1030+, July 23, ID, Spanish talk. Religious talk. Religious recitations. Poor. Weak with adjacent channel splatter.

6034.99, LV del Guaviare, 0100-0117*, July 24, ads, jingles. Spanish talk. Mentions of Colombia. Spanish ballads. Abrupt sign off. Poor. Weak with some adjacent channel splatter (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX Listening Digest)

** COLOMBIA [non]. Clandestine radio across the border: see VENEZULA

** CONGO DR. DEMOCRATIC CONGO, 6209.84, Radio Kahuzi, 1924, tentative. Someone here, but only threshold, with talk by a woman in Afro-sounding language. Prior logs of this, sometime ago, had the frequency closer to 6209.99. 23 July (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Watch out for Grecian mixing product, 15630 minus 9420 (gh)

** CUBA. Did not have a chance to check RHC 0500+ July 21 whether 6110 was colliding with NHK Sackville as implied the night before, since 6110 was still on after 0530. Nor on July 22, not tuning until 0618: then things were more or less back to previous `normal`. ñ No 6110; no English, no signal at all on 11760. Band was open from Africa, New Zealand, etc. 9525 Spanish also unthere.

On 49m, at 0618+, English on 5970 second best, reactivated 6010 VG, new 6150, and worst on 6060 with CCI. At 0621 the English anchorette IDed herself as Eva Baraja (sp?), a newbie? As she introduced Alex RodrÌguez [I think, another one]. Spanish on 6120, 5040.

RHC check July 23 at 0520: English on 6150, 6060, 6010, 5970. Nothing on 6110 except Japan/Canada. Spanish on 6120, 5040.

12030 transmitter is still defective, July 23 at 1234 with weak spurs on 12000 and 12060, also frying-sound buzz occupying most of the range between 12000 and 12030; on the hi side obscured by other stations.

12020, RHC Spanish, fair with Cuban music on late at 0502 July 24, // 6120; but gone at next check 0507 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15380, Radio Habana Cuba; 2238, 22-July; M&W commentary in Spanish. I assume this is the source of this mess, as it was the only one without a strong whine. All the following were // with varying degrees of strength, whinage & garbling; 15060 (garbled), 15165, 15215, 15270, 15320, 15370 (had slightly stronger signal strength than the others), 15470-75, 15525, 15675-80 (garbled), 15730 (garbled) & 15930-35 (garbled). I did not hear any just above 16 or below 15 MHz. Hauser sez that 15370 is the source (Harold Frodge, MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, rather than 15380, an innocent bystander. The spurs look to be at

approx. 52 kHz multiples away from 15370, and its being strongest as well as really scheduled nominal frequency in the mid attest to this (gh, DXLD)

11760, RHC managed to get English on the air this Sunday afternoon, including DXers Unlimited, when checked at 2022 July 25. Spanish on 15370 and 15380 were very strong but no spurs audible.

12240, July 26 (yay!) at 0522, RHC in Spanish, poor, out and in with peaks to S9+ on this second harmonic of 6120, and matching its rough lo-fi modulation compared to other RHC channels.

12120, correlating with pipeline from Cuba even bringing in weak RHC harmonic on 12240, were cut numbers in A2, spy transmitter, July 26 (yay!) at 0524, mixed with RTTY.

In honor of el 26 de julio, I revive my parody slogan not repeated for some months: ``Cuba --- territorio esclavo en AmÈrica --- Patria o Suerte, °Pensaremos!``. I await photographic evidence that someone has scrawled it as graffito somewhere dentroCuba (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 11845, July 27 at 0542, DCJC pulse jamming with tones, far from the time it is `needed` against Radio MartÌ at 13-17. Collateral damage to weak signal, presumably BBC Russian via Woofferton at 04-06.

6150, RHC Spanish, just barely modulated, July 27 at 1234, while // 6110 and 6150 were sufficiently modulated (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. RELEASED CUBAN DISSIDENTS HAD REPORTED FOR RADIO MARTÕ AND VOA. Posted: 25 Jul 2010

Miami Herald, 17 July 2010, Fabiola Santiago: "'I can't enjoy anything. I can't feel free as long as there is a political prisoner in Cuba. How can I be happy with all I left behind?' asks Mijail Barzaga Lugo, 43, who served time in four different prisons for filing news reports about life in Cuba to CubaNet and Radio MartÌ. Barzaga and the others are part of a group of 75 independent journalists and peaceful dissidents jailed in the massive crackdown of 2003 known as the Black Spring. These 11 freed prisoners are the first of 52 scheduled to be released and expatriated to Spain in the next four months under an agreement negotiated by the Spanish government and the island's highest-ranking Catholic, Cardinal Jaime Ortega."

AFP, 15 July 2010, Olivier Thibault: "'The hygiene and health situation was not bad, it was worse than bad,' Julio Cesar Galvez told reporters in Madrid, two days after arriving in Spain with six other

dissidents. ... The 65-year-old, who was serving a 15-year sentence for secretly working for US media outlets such as the Voice of America, said not enough drinking water was provided for the prisoners and food often came mixed with dirt." (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 6025, R. Amanecer, 0302*, July 23. Am almost certain this had been off the air for a few weeks, but has returned again with their usual consistent signal and noted signing off about 0302 on several days. Program seemed to be phone conversations before a brief ID and off (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6025.03, Radio Amanecer Internacional, 0225-0303*, July 25, Christian music. Spanish talk. Weak. Poor with adjacent channel splatter (Brian Alexander, PA, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX Listening Digest)

** ECUADOR. 4814.95, Radio El Buen Pastor, Saraguro, Loma Loja, 1000 and 2330 every day (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, US, Drake R8, Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, July 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 6050, HCJB, Pichincha, 0000-0010, Jul 11, Waodani (listed) religious talk, 43333, QRM REE in Spanish 6055 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

** EGYPT. NEW FM STATIONS --- Hello DXers, though I'm far away from home but of course I keep an eye/ear on the latest changes in the media scene in Egypt. 2 new FM stations were launched on 23rd of July (the National day of Egypt) plus a new TV network called Al Araby (The Arabic)

the details of the FM stations are as follows :

1- Mega FM on 92.7. I have been monitoring that frequency for almost a year when I was in Egypt - as I used to hear some test transmissions on that frequency, mainly songs station, no further details at the moment. Almost 4 years ago that frequency used to carry the Cultural program network.

2- Hits FM on 88.2, a new frequency for me. Never heard anything on it before.

Also a new TV network called Al Araby started transmitting on the Nile sat Satellite on 23rd of July as well, broadcasting old programs from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

The Egyptian TV celebrating 50 years this year and the channel is a part of that celebration. Al Araby means The Arab, as the Egyptian TV used to be known as the Arabic TV during Nasser Era and during the

Egyptian Syrian unification.

According to some sources in ERTU, there was supposed to be more new FM stations (comedy network, series network) but so far only those 2 new FM stations are active. More to come.

P.S : Glenn, I like your comments about Radio Cairo on the shortwave. Now being here in Europe I know what you and the rest of the DXers are going through with the very bad modulation for the voice of Egypt. Will try to talk to someone in ERTU just in case they'd listen to what I'm saying. Thanks. All the best (Tarek Zeidan, Aalborg, Denmark, July 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EL SALVADOR. New book on El Salvador civil war

Amazon just notified me of this new release, available August 1st.

BROADCASTING THE CIVIL WAR IN EL SALVADOR: A MEMOIR OF GUERRILLA RADIO, by Carlos HenrÌquez Consalvi, hardcover, 293 pages, University of Texas Press
http://www.amazon.ca/s?_encoding=UTF8&search-alias=books-ca&field-author=Carlos%20Henriquez%20Consalvi
(Harold Sellers, July 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. R. Oromia, 6030 at 0322 with xylophone ID. Sometimes best in LSB. Talk in background - don't know if this would be CFVP. Both difficult. ID in presumed Amharic at 0330. Thanks to Ron Howard for his log dated 19 Oct 09 - I kept it as a reference. 22 July (Liz Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That was UT Thursday. Liz, Any problem from the DentroCuban Jamming Command and Radio Marti? Or were they off? (Glenn, ibid.)

Not a hint of either (73/Liz, ibid.)

** ETHIOPIA. 6110, R Fana, Addis Ababa, 2050-2101*, Jun 25, ID ìRadio Fanaî at 2050, an English song, conversation and ann in vernacular, presumably either in Oromo or in Amharic, 44444. Very good reception condition (Nobuya Kato, Fujisawa-city, Kanagawa, Japan, on a DX-pedition to Katsurashima, a small island located in the bay of Matsushima, near Sendai, Northeast of Japan and approx. 350 kilometers from Tokyo. He brought his AOR AR-7030 and put up a 20 metres long, outdoor longwire, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Adera Dimtse Radio in Amharic, last transmission on July 31: 1700-1800 on 13820 NAU 500 kW / 140 deg Sat to EaAf, canceled from Aug. 7 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, July 23, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST) =

Some Media Broadcast MBR changes: Last transmission of Ethiopia Adera Dimts Radio in Amharic on July 31: 1700-1800 on 13820 NAU 500 kW / 140 deg Sat to EaAf, cancelled from Aug. 7 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 26 July via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. QSLs: Clandestine
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RADIO OROMIYAA LIBERATION, Nauen, 13830 kHz, Cartolina QSL WRMI, depliant e scheda WRMI in 27 giorni. RP: 1$. QTH: WRMI Radio Miami International - 175 Fontainebleau Blvd. - Suite 1N4 - Miami FL 33172 (USA). V/s: Jeff White. Spedito CD MP3.
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VOICE OF OROMIYAA LIBERATION FRONT, Wertachtal, 11975 kHz, Cartolina QSL WRMI, depliant e scheda WRMI in 27 giorni. RP: 1$. QTH: WRMI Radio Miami International - 175 Fontainebleau Blvd. - Suite 1N4 - Miami FL 33172 (USA). V/s: Jeff White. Spedito CD MP3 (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD)

** FIJI [non]. "RADIO FREE FIJI"? NEW PIRATE RADIO PLAN

Re DXLD 10-29:
Media Release Radio Heritage Foundation www.radioheritage.net

WELLINGTON [NZ] - In the past few days, Usaia Waqatairewa of the Australian based Fiji Democracy & Freedom Movement has floated the idea of broadcasting uncensored news and music programs to Fijian radio listeners from a 'pirate radio' ship anchored in international waters near Fiji.

The Radio Heritage Foundation [www.radioheritage.net] which maintains an extensive database of Pacific radio broadcasters believes this is the first proposed 'pirate radio' station in the South Pacific since landbased Radio Tanafo and Radio Vemerama [sic] hit the headlines from Vanuatu several decades ago.

Interviewed on Radio Australia's Pacific Beat program and also reported in The Australian newspaper this week, Mr Waqatairewa says that
starting such a new radio station would help Fijians obtain a different perspective on events in Fiji where a recent media decree has tightened restrictions on media ownership and cemented ongoing censorship of news reporting and the broadcast of some banned pop songs.

Recent reports have discussions underway with the owners of a Dutch radio ship that could be repositioned to the South Pacific to broadcast on AM and FM to the scattered islands of Fiji.

Mr Waqatairewa says "Sure, the dictatorship might try to jam us, but we would certainly move frequencies. The ship need only be a floating transmitter because we could send the signal from Australia on a live stream over the net. It would not be difficult to do."

A review of Fijian news websites including Radio Fiji, Communications Fiji, Fiji Times, Fiji Sun, Fiji Daily Post and http://www.fijilive.com
reveals no reference to the remarks by Mr Waqatairewa.

However, the personal Facebook page for Commodore Bainimarama, the Fijian government leader is more revealing on the subject.

Not only is the pirate radio proposal mentioned, there is even a direct link to Radio Australia's Pacific Beat interview with Mr Waqatairewa.

A revealing comment is also attributed to Commodore Bainimarama himself - "our favourite former resident Usaia Waqatairewa wants to set up a pirate radio station in international waters around Fiji and play banned pop music."

The Facebook page includes a range of responses from readers such as 'Just another project that will go bust' ..... 'We've got more than enough radio stations here in Fiji' ..... 'Sounds like a brilliant idea but wrong time, wrong situation' ..... 'What a waste of money. Any investors must be mad'.... and chillingly, 'I wonder how his kin folks are feeling for they could be classified as persons of interest to our security personnel'.

Mr Waqatairewa is the former deputy director of the Fiji Human Rights Commission and now resides in Sydney where he is president of the Fiji Democracy & Freedom Movement.

He claims his organization has been in contact with News Limited which is owned by Rupert Murdoch, the global media billionaire and which also owns the Fiji Times newspaper which is now for sale to comply with a recent media ownership decree.

Pro-democracy blog 'Fijitoday' has a recent headline 'When Will Murdoch Bring His Big Guns to Bear' and observes 'It's not just the media he owns. It's billions of dollars he has at his disposal and the human resources he can muster and deploy to make things happen.'

Fijian radio listeners will know in the weeks and months ahead whether Mr Murdoch will use some of those dollars and human resources to bankroll the floating pirate radio station that Mr Waqatairewa's

organization is suggesting.

In the meantime, the Fijian government has since announced a new decree requiring the registration of every telephone in the country within the next 30 days or owners face fines of up to F$10,000 or six months in jail.

Many Fijians now use mobile phones for cheap local calls, phone banking, and, of course, listening to the many popular local FM radio stations currently on the air.

If a 'Radio Free Fiji' does float onto the Fijian airwaves, there may be many listeners nervous about tuning in with their mobile phone FM receivers if the state has their photo ID, date-of-birth, home address and name on a central database.

For now, Fijians wanting to know about the pirate radio plans can reportedly still listen to Radio Australia news on state run Radio Fiji, have access to local FM relays of the BBC in Suva and Nadi, can tune to many Australian and New Zealand AM signals at nighttime, and, of course, read Commodore Bainimarama's Facebook page.

Radio Heritage Foundation is a registered non-profit organization connecting popular culture, nostalgia and radio heritage across the Pacific. You can read about early radio broadcasting in Fiji [Radio ZJV Suva] and Vanuatu and enjoy other Pacific radio features at our global website http://www.radioheritage.net Our recently updated Pacific Asian Log Radio Guides include data on thousands of regional radio stations. You can also become an annual supporter from as little as US$10 (David Ricquish, RHF, July 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST) WTFK?

** FINLAND. Scandinavia`s first and now only existing private SW and MW station will celebrate its 10 years this weekend. Scandinavian Weekend R will be on air 24 hours from 21 hours UT Friday Jul 02- so whole Saturday day Fiesta and fest going on. Please take part of it! Visit our web-pages where you can find all kind of info of SWR. Please join to our discussion forum as well, look out our program Schedule, SWR-TV and SWR-shop of cource! (New T-Shirts has just arrived): http://swradio.net/

Contacts are: SWR reports, P.O.Box 99, FI-34801 Virrat, Finland. 2 Euro/2 IRC/2 US-dollars for return fee (for QSL's). info @ swradio.net Tel: +358 (0)400 995 559. All unanswered correct reports have been now worked out and QSL's sent by post (latests today). So all new reports are now very welcome! (Alpo Heinonen, Jul 01, SWR, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

I received the beautiful QSL-card Jul 08 with a tourist folder about Virrat and several stickers enclosed after 21 months of waiting. DX-ers have to be patient! (Erik Koie and Anker Petersen, Denmarx, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

5980, Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat, 0555-0750, Sat Jul 03, Finnish ann, Finnish pop songs, ID 0800, 25232 // 11720.

6170, Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat, 1250-1355, Sat Jul 03, Finnish talk and songs, 15211 // 11690 or 11720 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

11690, Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat, 0050-0102, 0540-0700* and 1355, Sat Jul 03, Finnish dialogue and Finnish pop songs, 0102 ID in Finnish: "Skandinavian Weekend Radio, Virrat", English songs e.g. with the Beatles, ID in English: "This is Scandinavian Weekend Radio on 11690 and 5980 kHz", 24343, splashes from R Bulgaria 11700.

11720, Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat, *0700-1250, Sat Jul 03, Finnish ann, Finnish pop songs, ID 0800, 35343 (Manuel MÈndez, Spain and Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

** FINLAND. 6170, 17.7 1700, R Hami. Very BC QRM at this time. Domestic and foreign news + weather report. Best using USB. On 18.7 the channel was clear and the signal was S9+!! practically all day from at least 1000 when I tuned in (Arne Nilsson, Sweden, SW BUlletin July 25 via DXLD)

6170, 16.7 2025. R Hami slutade dagens s‰ndningar med att spela Material Girl med Madonna (Dan Olsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin July 25 via DXLD)

New 6170.00, 1800-1815 16.07, R Hami, Rayskala (New station) Finnish ann, Finnish pop music and a Russian March song, 24222, slight QRM from 6165 and 6175, AP-DNK

New 6170.00, 2145-2240 17.07, R Hami, Rayskala, Finnish ann and Finnish songs, but also the Beatles with "Yesterday", 2219 report probably from the annual summer camp of the Finnish Amateur Radio League organizing this special event station, 32332, QRM RCI in Spanish on 6175. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** FRANCE [non]. RFI`s MÈtÈo Marine at 1130 on 13640 via GUIANA FRENCH doesn`t need the full semihour, so at 1148 July 24 I am hearing salsa piano music fill, RFI jingle, into vocal music; good but not solid signal, despite 320 azimuth USward (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. ATTEMPT TO SAVE PUTBUS TRANSMITTER

The media authority of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern tries to save the 729 kHz transmitter at Putbus on R¸gen island from being dismantled, writing that "it would be the end of mediumwave broadcasting in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern". Thus they are looking for "interested parties who have a general interest in mediumwave broadcasting" and would like to "discuss the possibilities of digital mediumwave transmissions" with them.
http://www.medienanstalt-mv.de/news/pressrelease/125.html

The Putbus transmitter was from 2001 til yearend 2009 in use for DRM test transmissions by Deutschlsndradio. Previously Norddeutscher Rundfunk had abandoned it in 1996. In 2008 some announcements about testing the transmitters had been posted by a foreign party, but no such activities followed.

Two pictures of the mediumwave antenna and new equipment container:
http://www.biener-media.de/0729-MV.html

Another photo of the transmitter site, also including the former FM tower:
http://www.deutsches-drm-forum.de/Putbus1.jpg

The FM facility was rather a filler, used for Ferienwelle and DT64 programming. First all transmissions were mono only, since no stereo-capable feed circuits were available. Later a microwave or probably rather UHF or whatever radio link has been established, but reportedly its signals often sunk into the noise and again monaural service could be offered only. Meanwhile the whole installation has been replaced by a new FM site at Garz:
http://www.senderfotos-bb.de/garz.htm
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 6140, R Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, via Wertachtal, *0906-0930, Sunday Jul 04, German pop songs (carrier was on from 0900, but audio first abruptly on from 0906), German ann transmitter: Wertachtal with 250 kW, 0915 RMV news in German from Hamburg, Schwerin and Rostock, 45544 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

** GERMANY. QSL: Germania, MV BALTIC RADIO, Wertachtal, 6140 kHz, Cartolina QSL in 46 giorni. RP: 1$. QTH: R&R Medienservice - Seestrasse 17 - DE-19089 Gˆhren. V/s: Roland Rohde (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GREENLAND. 3815, KNR Tasiilaq, 2105-2214, Jan [sic] 25, Greenlandic

and Danish. I sent two reception reports to KNR on this broadcast. One to the Coastal Utility station directly which, as mentioned in DX-Window no. 396, was answered within seven days with a full data QSL-card signed by Chief of Operations Mr. Bo Mogensen, TELE Greenland A/S, Teleservicecenter Aasiaat, Postboks 217, DK-3950 Aasiaat, Greenland.

The other report was sent to KNR studio in the capital Nuuk, from where I on Jul 07 received a nice letter in English thanking me for the reception report signed by Ms. Nauja Broens. She advised me to check these webpages to learn more about KNR and Greenland at: http://www.knr.gl/radio and http://www.knr.gl/billedgalleri and http://www.greenland.com/content/english/tourist

Their address is: KNR, Box 1007, DK 3900 Nuuk, Greenland. E-mail address: info @ knr.gl This QSL came after 160 days of waiting. DX-ers have to be patient! (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

** GUINEA. 7125, Radio GuineÈ, 2158-2255*, July 24, tribal chants. French talk. Local Afro-pop music. Abrupt sign off. Fair to good (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

-Conakry, 4900, Familia FM, Timbi Madini, was putting a superb signal observed after I sent my latest report, on 22/7: never that good.

7125, R. GuinÈe, Sonfonya, has been inaudible for a few days' time. I tried this both this morning and minutes ago (1430), and no signal (Carlos GonÁalves - PORTUGAL, 26 July, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GUINEA-Conakry, 7125, R. GuinÈe, Sonfonya, finally back on the air as observed y/day evening; fair signal. Were absent during the day though, and are not audible now as I compile this, 1430 UT. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, 27 July, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUYANA. 3290, GBC, 0940 om with mix of music "He Ain`t Heavy; He's My Brother" 20 July, 0925 "exclusively only... come out and support the cause. 0935 "Lord Jesus Christ...." protestant minister. 22 July (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, US, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, July 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi folks, This from Wolfgang who located the new Voice of Guyana SW (& MW) transmitter site at: West Bank, Demerara, Georgetown using the latest GE imagery. Well done (Ian Baxter, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Wolfgang Bueschel
Date: Wed, Jul 21, 2010 at 6:41 PM

GUYANA Google Earth imagery. Some high resolution place. Another GE image update. NCN, soon new site, Guyana Broadcsting Corporation, Georgetown, exSparendaam site. New snap of 20 Nov 2009.

Probably 390 x 300 meters area at
06 45 57.75 N 58 13 53.42 W
16.5 kilometers westerly of old site.

http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=06+45+58.96+N+
+58+13+52.87+W&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=18.365724,57.084961&ie=UTF8&ll=6.76638
6,-58.231316&spn=0.001771,0.003484&t=h&z=19

MW mast 560/ 760 kHz 10 kW at
06 46 00.06 N 58 13 53.98 W

Tropical band antennas 3290 / 5950 kHz 10 kW
probably close to 06 45 58.96 N 58 13 52.87 W

Maybe another antenna to be expected soon close to street
06 45'56.97"N 58 13'56.40"W
(Wolfgang B¸schel, July 20-21, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** HAWAII [and non]. Re 10-29, WWVH/WWV Tsunami alert test:

WWV/WWVH, 15000, 1800-1810+, 07/22/10. WWV (with WWVH weakly underneath) heard broadcasting tsunami test message at 1803 only, with WWVH appearing to broadcast it on every even minute. Curiously, WWV continued with normal continuous tones during the even minutes, no doubt QRMing WWVH's announcement in many locations. Normal time pips and announcements heard from both stations on all minutes. WWV with usual Pacific storm outlook at 1808-1810, no mention of tsunami test.

WWV and WWVH heard alternating from 1811 to 1817+ with tsunami test message - WWVH on odd minutes, WWV on even. Both stations silent except for pips/time announcements on their "off" minutes. Announcement:

"Radio station WWV is conducting a test of our emergency notification system. In the event of a real emergency, you would be instructed on the nature of the emergency and given additional information. This is only a test. Repeat, radio station WWV is conducting a test of our emergency notification system. In the event of a real emergency, you would be instructed on the nature of the emergency and given additional information. Repeat, this is only a test." (Mark Schiefelbein, MO, DX LISTENING DIGEST, July 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST))

Not heard on WWV at 1910+ on 15000. WWVH not heard. No other frequencies heard. Wonder if they'll repeat it. Nice catch! 73/Liz (Cameron, MI, ibid.)

I monitored the first half-hour (by tape) of the much-promoted ``tsunami warning test`` from WWVH and WWV, for July 22 at 1800-1900 UT. 15000 kHz had VG signal from WWV, and WWVH could also be heard in the background. Nothing out of the ordinary until:

1803, WWV with tone, overriding WWVH announcement about the test. You`d think WWV would have made this a silent minute.

1804, WWV: ``Your attention, please. Radio station WWV is conducting a test of our emergency notification system. In the event of a real emergency you would be instructed on the nature of the emergency, and given additional information. This is only a test.`` (and repeated immediately before the WWVH time announcement).

1805, WWV: tone. WWVH: underneath making the same announcement as above, by the same OM voice, twice.

1806, WWV: tone. WWVH: silent.

1807, WWV: tone. WWVH: the same announcement as above except says WWVH instead of WWV. Once again, WWV should have been silent.

1808, WWV: real tropical storm warnings. WWVH: silent.

1809, WWV: continues with more tropical storm warnings, pt 2. WWVH: test announcement! Normally they never collide. Coˆrdination failed.

1810, WWV: north Pacific weather. WWVH: silent.

1811, WWV: ``[something] reserved for the National Weather Service``. WWVH: emergency test announcement, the rest of it uncovered.

1812, WWV: emergency test announcement. WWVH: silent

1813, WWV: silent. WWVH: test announcement starts, but only can hear the ``Your attention please``, fade? Then back with the tail of it.

1814, WWV: test announcement. WWVH: seemingly silent

1815, WWV: silent. WWVH: test announcement.

1816, WWV: test announcement. WWVH: silent

1817, WWV: silent. WWVH: test announcement

1818, WWV: test announcement --- pre-empting propagation info! WWVH: silent

1819, WWV: silent. WWVH: test announcement starts and fades

1820, WWV: test announcement. WWVH: silent?

1821, WWV: silent. WWVH: test announcement, barely audible

1822, WWV: test announcement. WWVH: silent?

1823, WWV: silent. WWVH: test announcement

1824, WWV: test announcement. WWVH: silent?

1825, WWV: silent. WWVH: test announcement, traces audible

1826, WWV: test announcement. WWVH: silent?

1827, WWV: silent. WWVH: test announcement, repeated, audible again, best copy of it so far

1828, WWV: test announcement. WWVH: silent

1829, WWV: silent. WWVH: full ID announcement as usual by YL with address, ending with ``aloha``

1830, WWV: full ID announcement by OM, address, no aloha. WWVH: silent

Presumably similar pattern for the second half of the hour. There was really nothing worth preserving beyond one copy of the standard announcement, which did not even mention the word ``tsunami``. Plus evidence of the collisions.

Never were the time ticks, on-the-minute tones, or time announcements by either station disrupted (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS. 3250, Radio Luz y Vida, San Luis, silent for the last three weeks?
3340, HRMI Radio Misiones Internacionales, Comayag¸ela, seems irregular lately, reduced schedule. 1109 on 15 July (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, US, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, July 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4820.72, AIR Kolkata, 1215-1302, Jul 11 and 12. Heard again off frequency; best in USB to get away from Xizang PBS, Tibet, on

4820.0; reception had improved by 1302 (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka and Ron Howard, CA in DX-India, via DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

Several verbal/written complaints to AIR on the co-channel QRM on 4800, 4820, 4920 and few other frequencies from China going on since ages. Nothing happened (Alokesh Gupta, India, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

In the report on our visit to AIR Spectrum Management in DX-Window no. 403, Rajeesh correctly wrote: ìAnker Petersen gave his tropical band monitor survey of Regional AIR stations and showed the threat by Chinese SW stations which blocks or even jams AIR transmissions of regional transmitters in the North East India. They told us that nothing can be done at HFCC Conference and related forums.î (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

4880, AIR Delhi, 1745, Jul 10, Urdu External service was noted here instead of 4860 // usual 702 MW and 6045. Must be punching error! (Jose Jacob, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD) I saw at AIR Khampur in April, how easy it is to punch a wrong frequency (Ed. Anker Petersen, ibid.) See also KASHMIR; SIKKIM

** INDIA. Indian regional stations. Today Thiruvananthapuram 5010 is off the air at 1400. 5040 is continuing to have serious audio problems. 4837.24 Gangtok is continuing to be off frequency. During the hayday of tropical band activity on 60 metres, Indian regionals and Sri Lankans were a darn headache blocking out a good number of DX signals, but today they are a great welcome as well as the introduction of Leh, Gangtok, Aizawl which came later.

With the recent problems on some of these transmitters and also such lovely stations like Kohima and Itanagar with limited or hardly any regular operations, I wonder whether AIR is abandoning its domestic SW coverage, like Sri Lanka did much to my disappointment. India is no banana republic, about the second fastest growing economy and there shouldn't be any lack of technical know-how to fix these. Jose, any comments? (G. Victor A. Goonetilleke 4S7VK, "Shangri-la"' 298 Madapatha Road, Piliyandala. Sri Lanka, July 23, dx_india yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD) 5010 noted back 1445 (Victor, 1501 UT, ibid.)

Very good information, but as far as the reason why these regional stations are not being maintained as nicely as they should have, I feel it has more to do with lack of funding owing to lack of interest for these sectors. It is beyond any doubt that Indian republic is sound enough to have the technical expertise to not just maintain a few low power regional SW stations, but to rule the air waves like China does today. It has accomplished much more on technical grounds already; the only reason SW is not thriving here could be

that, in the ministry, SW is seen as an shrinking and obsolete medium (`Paul`, India, ibid.)

Dear Victor, About the AIR SW Regional Stations / transmitters, my guess is that it shall continue be on air till it becomes unserviceable. Already SW transmitters in Jammu and Ranchi are off air for many years with no signs of returning. Several other SW transmitters which have already completed their normal service period are kept on the air although they are facing several technical and staff shortage problems, etc.

I have not yet come across many proposals about replacing the Regional Transmitters although some DRM SW transmitters are going to be set up in Delhi, Aligarh & Bangalore, etc.

It is a fact that with the influx of TV channels (cable & DTH) most people go in for TV rather than radio.

However, with the launching of private FM stations, there is indeed revival in listenership of FM stations. More and more FM stations are expected to come up in future, also by AIR and private parties.

Let us watch and wait and monitor AIR SW Regional stations as long as the show goes on. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, ibid.)

** INDIA. QSL: ALL INDIA RADIO Shillong 4970 kHz, E-QSL in 456 giorni da airshillong @ rediffmail.com. RPs: 1$ a Shillong nel 2009 + 1$ a Delhi nel 2010. QTH: Station Engineer - North Eastern Service - Pomdngiem - Opposite GPO - Shillong 793001, Meghalaya. Inviato CDs MP3 a Shillong nel 2009 e a Delhi nel 2010, perÚ Ë difficile capire se la risposta Ë arrivata dopo il sollecito a Delhi (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. 9425, AIR Bengaluru - National Channel, 1435-1500, July 21. Wednesday edition of ìVividhaî in English; talk given about the great Indian freedom fighter Chandrashekhar Azad. I always enjoy learning more about India via these ìVividhaî shows! Fair reception (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9690, AIR GOS in English, has not been audible for several weeks at 1330, but poor signal showing July 22 at 1332 with news. Maybe conditions are picking up from that worldpart, or anomalous?

Checking 9690 for AIR GOS, July 26: tune in at 1328 to hear pop music in some Asian language, from something else? Could that really be

NIGERIA, which BTW have not heard in weeks on 15120 or 7255? Apparently not: at 1329 AIR hum begins to be audible and with no transmission break opens GOS in English at 1330. AIR had been playing that off-topic music instead of the AIR IS prior to GOS.

1330:35 newscast starts; 1344 ending commentary, program summary including 1430 mailbag Faithfully Yours, 1345 into classical music with vocal. 9690 was fair, and also audible on poor // 13710, not 11620. At 1344 I also find it strange that AIR domestic services on 9425 and 9870 are not audible. All three 31m channels are via Bengaluru, but on different headings. While 9690 is toward SE Asia, the others are northerly which ought to favor US more (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR to broadcast running commentary of India-Srilanka 2nd & 3rd Test --- All India Radio will broadcast running commentary in Hindi & English of the 2nd & 3rd cricket test matches as per following schedule :

26th to 30th July, 2010 - India vs Sri Lanka - 2nd Test at Sinhalese Sports Club Ground, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 0425-1200 UT.

3rd to 7th Aug, 2010 - India vs Sri Lanka - 3rd Test at P. Sara Oval, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 0425-1200 UT.

Live commentary will be available as usual on selected SW, 66 MW & FM Gold channels. Hourly updates on FM Rainbow channels (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, July 26, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya 1130-1145 Jul 24. Lokal berita or announcements by YL; a rustic flute interlude at 1136 was followed by a man & woman chit-chatting; vocal music at 1142. Generally fair (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 60-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

3325, RRI Palangkaraya at 1145 with chant-like singing accompanied by strings and percussion, 1147 man in Indonesian followed by soft Indo music. Poor, July 26 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening by Lake Kalamalka from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 4604.90, RRI Serui, 1233, July 22. Non-stop EZL songs in English; ìTop of the Worldî by Carpenters, ìThe Ballad of High Noonî, etc.; 1300-1310: song of the Coconut Isles and Jakarta news relay followed by choral National Anthem (Indonesia Raya); checked again at 1330 to found them off the air. Thanks to Atsunori Ishidaís blog for the alert that they had returned and also DXLD 10-29. Atsunori noted them today with 1326*. Was as strong as RRI Palangkaraya on 3325. RRI

Serui off the air July 23 during same time period (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4604.93, RRI Serui (presumed), 1156-1235 Jul 26. Presumed them on their old frequency, reactivated recently (tnx Ron Howard for tip). Checked on 23, 24, and 25 July but not there; they were there today (26th) with vocal music to 1200:15, then brief announcement by M; 6 pips to 1200:36, then long Jak program; back to local programming at 1230. Fair at best and // 4749.96 Makassar, also fair at best. Serui last logged about 2 years ago (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 60-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

4604.90, RRI Serui, 1206-1343*, July 26. Similar format as heard July 22. Jakarta news relay which ended at 1229 with choral National Anthem (Indonesia Raya); pop music request show with all the songs in English; 1259 SCI; 5 minutes of Jakarta news followed by NA; EZL music request show; songs in BI and English; suddenly off in midsentence; no sign off announcement or Love Ambon (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 4749.96, RRI Makassar (presumed), 1200-1210 Jul 23. SCI right at 1200, then Jakarta relay a half-minute later. Poor (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 60-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 7289.9, RRI Nabire, 0817-0853*, Jul 08, I have heard the transmitter several times this week, but by usual sign off, at 0755 approximately, the signal is not strong enough for me to hear audio. However, if the schedule goes beyond 0800, my chances of hearing audio are better. Tonight I picked them up with talk until 0827, then into traditional Islamic music until ann at 0846, more music, then off air at 0853. Overall quality: 25432 (Kelvin Brayshaw, LevÌn, New Zealand, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 9525.89, Voice of Indonesia, 1300-1401, Jul 19. English transmission, with program lineup, then news; the audio was lost around 1315 with just open carrier until 1345, when audio came back on (music); 1401 out of English and into Bahasa Indonesia with warta berita. Strong (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 60-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

9525.9, VOI with VG signal and modulation July 22 at 1329 ending a travelog segment about Papua; 1330 Miscellany starting with a list of eligible subjects. Could not copy them all, but included: science, technology, sport, lifestyle, health, environment, women. And this one was about a July 10 event in the RRI Jakarta auditorium for the 2010 regional children`s day festival (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526-, VOI absent this Tuesday July 27 at 1239 during Japanese hour, still missing during English at 1302, 1341, so no exotic Banjarmasin hookup audible, and after 1400, CRI Russian alone on 9525, no het. It was OK the previous few days, not logged.

However, also from Cimanggis site, RRI domestic program on 9680 was atop the CCI, July 27 at 1241, just as I tuned in giving www.rrijakarta.com (first part pronounced we-we-we) and then a hymn with typically Christian harmony, speech, apparent sermon mentioning Christus Yesus (sp?). I assume this is part of official oecumenism, giving the infidels a chance in laissez-Ítre IndonÈsie (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. "Remix Radio" from PRX -- interesting new concept I hadn't seen before. Howdy - You've seen me mention the "Public Radio Exchange" before; they are a content clearinghouse for independently-produced programming available to public radio stations as well as individual listening.

They have launched a live stream called "Remix Radio" that provides a continuous stream of programming from the programming available at their website. It strikes me as a "pot luck" opportunity to sample something random that you might not otherwise check out in your usual "appointment listening".

It isn't 100% spoken word -- it's more of an "interesting sound" format, but my impression is that it's primarily spoken word.
http://www.remixradio.org/
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, swprograms via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. U S A [non]. Updated summer A-10 of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. Part 2/2

Persian	0000-2400	1575							
R. Farda	0000-0030	7510							
	0030-0100	5860	7280	7510					
	0100-0130	5860	7280	7295	7510				
	0130-0230	5860	5970	7280	7295	7510	9805		
	0230-0300	5860	7280	7295	9805	15690			
	0300-0400	5860	5885	7280	9805	9840	15690		
	0400-0430	5860	5885	7280	11635	13810	13860	15690	
	0430-0500	5860	5885	7280	11635	13810	13860	15255	15690
	0500-0530	5860	5885	11635	13810	13860	15255	15690	
	0530-0600	5885	7220	11635	13810	13860	15255	15690	21715
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0830-0930	5885	7220	13860	15690	17695	17810	17845
0930-1000	5885	13860	15610	15690	17695	17845	
1000-1100	5885	7435	13860	15610	15690	17695	17845
1100-1130	5885	7435	13860	15610	15690	17695	
1130-1200	5885	7435	13860	15690	17695		
1200-1300	7435	13860	15690	17695	17755		
1300-1330	7435	13860	15680	15690	17755		
1330-1400	7435	13860	15680	15690	17695	17755	
1400-1430	11520	13860	15680	17695			
1430-1500	11520	13860	15650	15680	17695		
1500-1530	11520	15650	15680	17695			
1530-1600	11520	11615	15650	15680	17695		
1600-1700	7580	9760	11520	15650	11615	15680	
1700-1730	7580	9760	11520	11615	15680		
1730-1800	5830	7580	9760				
1800-1900	5830	7580					
1900-2130	5830	7580	9505				
2130-2200	7580						
2200-2400	7595						

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 26 July via DXLD)

** IRELAND [non]. / SOUTH AFRICA. 6225, RTE Radio, Meyerton, 1929-1950, Jun 25, ID at 1929 as ìThis is the World Radio Networkî and ìRTE Radio Worldî. Then the news of RTE Radio in English followed. Correspondence reports and conversation on some political issues were also broadcast, 45444 with very clear reception (Nobuya Kato, Fujisawa-city, Kanagawa, Japan, on a DX-pedition to Katsurashima, a small island located in the bay of Matsushima, near Sendai, Northeast of Japan and approx. 350 kilometers from Tokyo. He brought his AOR AR-7030 and put up a 20 metres long, outdoor longwire, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

** JAPAN. 1575 MW, American Forces Network(AFN), Misawa, Aomori (0.25 kW), 0754-0820, Jun 25, short anns, time ann: îItís five oíclockî, followed by AP Radio news including sports news. Then popular music program followed. The ann: îAFN this hourî was heard often. English broadcast for US military personnel and their family members living in Japan, 45444-44333. Very strong signal. (0800 UT means 1700 in the evening in Japan.) As a reference, Misawa is located approximately 320 to 350 kilometers from the receiving location this time (Nobuya Kato, Fujisawa-city, Kanagawa, Japan, on a DX-pedition to Katsurashima, a small island located in the bay of Matsushima, near Sendai, Northeast of Japan and approx. 350 kilometers from Tokyo. He brought his AOR AR-7030 and put up a 20 metres long, outdoor longwire, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

** KASHMIR. Re: ``Radio Sadayee Kashmir noted sign off at 1550 instead on 1530 UT last night (18 Jul 2010) on 4870. Must check it today if

it`s any new schedule. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, July 19, dx_india yg via DXLD)``

Today s/off normally at 1530. 73, Mauno Ritola, Finland, July 26, ibid.) Yes, it was noted sign off late only on one day. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, July 26, ibid.)

** KASHMIR. 4950, AIR R Kashmir, Srinagar, 1721-1745, Jun 25, Indian songs followed by the News in English at 1730. This news concluded with the ann: ìThat is the end of the evening newsî at 1735. Then news in either Hindi or Kashmiri followed, 35443 (Nobuya Kato, Fujisawa-city, Kanagawa, Japan, on a DX-pedition to Katsurashima, a small island located in the bay of Matsushima, near Sendai, Northeast of Japan and approx. 350 kilometers from Tokyo. He brought his AOR AR-7030 and put up a 20 metres long, outdoor longwire, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

Heard regularly in India, e.g. Jul 07, S9+30 dB here (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, ibid.)

** KAZAKHSTAN. Radio Voice of Orthodox was reported with a program in Russian on July 13 from 14.30 to 15 hours on 9950 kHz. The station is on at this time Tuesday and Friday only via a transmitter located in Kazakhstan (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, R. Bulgaria DX July 23 via Yimber GavirÌa, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. 7200.2v, Voice of Korea. 1248, sounds like they are having transmitter problems. I usually monitor this frequency every night and usually it's "spot on." But tonight, I encountered a huge het and noticed the transtmitter was drifting upward -- nearly at .35 when they pulled the plug. Flipside to this was, presumed Myanmar (slightly on the low side of 7200, was readable). VoK popped back on at 1300 and this time was very close to nominal. 25 July (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I also can confirm hearing this recently and was extremely surprised but I don't think it was Myanmar co-channel yet I could be wrong. (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Radio Monitor SWLR-KS001, 0400 UT July 26, ibid.)

** KOREA SOUTH [non]. 15360, just as I tuned in good signal, July 24 at 1859 a few words of Russian, some rock music and off 1900*. I could not have dreamt what it was until uplooked: KBSWR via Rampisham UK, 500 kW, 62 degrees at 18-19 for EuRussia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. via Ukraine, 11530, Denge Mezopotamya, 0402-0425,

July 24, tune-in to possible National Anthem and into local pop music. Some talk in listed Kurdish. Weak but readable. In the clear with no sign of WYFR.

Via Ukraine, 11530, Denge Mezopotamya, *0400-0425, July 25, sign on with anthem. Local music and opening announcements at 0403:30. Talk in listed Kurdish. Local pop music at 0409. Local chants. Poor to fair. Mixing with a weak WYFR (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** LIBERIA. 4025, Star R, Monrovia, 1922-2110*, 18 Jul'10, English (t), talks, news in English at 2100 until 2108, announcements and abrupt closure; 25231, a bit better at 2100. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, July 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4025-, Star Radio presumed, with carrier barely detectable, slightly low compared to Cuba 5025, July 23 at 0523. Had not been able to hear it for a couple weeks, but finally enough signal to surpass noise level; still totally inadequate for axual listening (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. Frequency change of LJBC Voice of Africa in Arabic:
0700-0857 NF 11620*SAB 500 kW / 130 deg ECAf, ex 11630 >>>> July 22:
0700-0857 on 11650^SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf,
* co-ch 0700-0857 RUI in English/Ukrainian
^ co-ch 0700-0757 RSI English/Slovak + strong carrier on 11648.1
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, July 22, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, 11620 hefty QRM to RUI, Mykolaiev transmission a little bit ahead and LBY underneath, but both on S=9+20 dB level. LBY // 11650 kHz. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, July 23, ibid.)

Another frequency change of LJBC Voice of Africa, July 24

Arabic
0900-1157 on 17735 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf S=8-9
0900-1157 on 17715 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf ex 17740
little weaker S=7.

Phone-in program in Arabic. At 1039:20 UT, 1000 Hertz tone on both channels, no broadcast house feed anymore. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, 1048 UT July 24, ibid.)

No signal on July 23 and 24 from LJBC Voice of Africa on both 17735 and 17740 in Arabic 0900-1157 and in Swahili 1200-1357. Maybe frequency changes. Any ideas, please help. 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, 1147 UT July 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I checked LJBC Voice of Africa only in 1030-1100 UT range, Saturday

July 24, 17740 kHz replaced by new 17715 kHz today.

Swahili
1200-1357 on 17735 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 17725
1200-1357 on 17715 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, ex 17740

When checked at 1355 UT again, Swahili program back on air on both 17735 kHz S=5-6 strength only, at same time new 17715 kHz at S=7-8 signal level, many V of Africa/Jamhiria IDs etc.

New 17715 kHz little co-channel QRM by weak YFR Al Dhabbaya UAE in Telugu til 1357 UT.

From 1359 UT July 24 quick change from 17715 to 15240 kHz, also service to Ce&SoAF, S=9+10dB at 1359 UT, much stronger than 17715/17735 which were on air til 1358 UT. \\ 15235 kHz a little weaker at S=8 level to EaAF at 130 degrees.

LJBC Voice of Africa in English, ID and schedule announced at 1402 UT, but STILL announced old spring time frequencies previously used til mid July.

Time pips, IDs and news mostly not on the hour, but xx.02 minutes later. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, 1423 UT July 24, ibid.)

** LIBYA. Frequency changes of LJBC Voice of Africa from July 22 to July 26: Arabic
0700-0857 NF 11620*SAB 500 kW / 130 deg ECAf, ex 11630 // 11650/180 deg NEAf

Arabic 3h + Swahili 2h, thanks to Wolfgang Bueschel for this frequency change
0900-1357 NF 17715#SAB 500 kW / 130 deg ECAf,ex 17740!// 17735/180 deg NEAf
* co-ch 0700-0900 RUI in English/Ukrainian
# co-ch 1200-1230 ROI in German Mon-Sat + WYFR Telugu from 1300
! re-ex 21695 before July 11 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 26 July via DXLD)

FREQUENCY CHANGES FOR VOICE OF AFRICA, JULY 22-26

Arabic
0400-0657 on 9870=SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, new txion
0400-0657 on 9880!SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, new txion
0700-0857 NF 11620:SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, ex 11630
0700-0857 on 11650^SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, new txion
0900-1157 NF 17715 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, ex 17740x
0900-1157 on 17735%SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, new txion

Swahili
1200-1357 NF 17715<SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, ex 17740x
1200-1357 NF 17735#SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 17725

English
1400-1557 NF 15235+SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 17725
1400-1557 NF 15240 SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, ex 21695

French
1600-1657 NF 9880>SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, ex 15660
1600-1657 NF 11850@SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 17725
1700-1757 NF 9880$SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, ex 11995
1700-1757 NF 11850*SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 15215

Hausa
1800-1857 NF 9880&SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, ex 11995
1800-1857 NF 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 15215
1900-1957 NF 9880&SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, ex 11995
1900-1957 NF 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 11600

Arabic
2000-2157 on 9880&SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, new txion
2000-2157 on 11850"SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, new txion

= co-ch 0400-0430 AIR Hindi(Vividh Bharati)
! co-ch 0530-0630 VOA French Mon-Fri
: co-ch 0700-0900 RUI English/Ukrainian
^ co-ch 0700-0800 RSI English/Slovak + strong carrier on 11648.1
% co-ch 0900-0930 CRI Indonesian + 10-12 carrier on 17734.5
< co-ch 1200-1230 ROI1 German Mo-Sa + 1300-1400 WYFR Telugu
co-ch 1300-1400 WYFR Kannada
+ co-ch 1415-1600 R. Vatican Urdu/Hindi/Tamil/Malayalam/English
> co-ch 1600-1700 VOR French DRM, totally blocked
@ co-ch 1600-1700 WYFR English
$ co-ch 1700-1800 VOR Italian DRM, totally blocked
* co-ch 1700-1800 WYFR Persian, totally blocked
& co-ch 1800-2100 VOR French DRM + 1800-1900 WYFR English
" co-ch 2100-2200 AWR KSDA Japanese/English
x re-ex 21695 before July 11

Note: Start & end of transmissions varies between 3-5 minutes
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, July 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It seems the Libyanites have a few little things to learn about SW frequency management. Drag them to Zurich (gh)

Today July 27th, V of Africa in Swahili to English service nominal at 1400 UT: Very late moved from 17 MHz to 15240 kHz at 1413 UT; but \\

15235 UT opened 5 minutes later at 1418 UT. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR [non]. QSLs: Clandestine --- R.I.P. RADIO MADA INTERNATIONALE, Maiac [PRIDNESTROVYE], 15660 kHz, E-QSL in 35 giorni. RP: 1$. QTH: GTT International - Maison des associations - 15 rue des Savoises - CH-1205 Ginevra (Svizzera). V/s: Christian Lehmann-Vice President GTT International. Inviato CD MP3 (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. SARAWAK - 7270.01, RTVM, 1254-1330 Jul 23. Phone call (dedication?), followed by Eric Clapton song; two pips to ToH, then presumed news; long talk segment followed past BoH; sounded like Bahasa Malaysia but can't be sure. Generally fair (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 60-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. Monitored 7295 last night 22/7/10 from 2230 and received Traxx FM Kajang, Kuala Lumpur, Western pop music and OM in English with IDs. Will post link to recording when sort out the best ID, received at good strength (Mark, Anglesey, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 5995, R. Mali, Kati, observed on 22 Jul'10, 2225, with an extremely weak modulation level, certainly useless for their audience.

9635 ditto, is still the only frequency during daytime (Carlos GonÁalves - PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA. 4845, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott, 0907-0926, 21 Jul'10, Arabic, talk program with phone-ins and interviews; 24443, CODAR QRM. I was unable to keep listening until they finally moved to 7245; today, 22/7, they were already on 7245 prior to 0900. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, July 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Radio Mil: Hoy 23 de julio de 2010 a las 1210 UT, durante sÛlo 1 minuto un aumento de intensidad de seÒal permitiÛ escuchar XEOI en 6010 kHz con anuncios del pegamento Kola-Loka, anuncio del noticiero Enfoque, la hora local (7:10 AM) y anuncios turÌsticos. Todas las dem·s emisoras mexicanas por onda corta ausentes. Atte: (Ing. Civ. Israel Gonz·lez Ahumada, M.I, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Saturday night recorded 6010 from 2330. Received weak YL in Spanish and western pop music (as opposed to Latin). I`m assuming R. Mil (XEOI) as others listed are religious and I would not have thought would play such music. At times it peaked quite well. Am I correct in thinking this, any comments much appreciated (Mark Davies, Anglesey, UK, July 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Probably, but I would want a little more to go on (gh, DXLD)

** MEXICO. QSL: Messico, CANDELA FM, MÈrida, 6104.7 kHz, Cartolina QSL e lettera in 57 giorni. RP: 1$. QTH: Grupo Sistema RASA ComunicaciÛn - Edificio Publicentro - Calle 62 No. 508 altos x 63 y 65 - 97001 MÈrida. V/s: Ariadne Gallardo. Spedito CD MP3.

Come per BBC Southern Counties-BBC Wiltshire, all'emittente hanno ascoltato il CD MP3 e hanno confermato l'ascolto perchÈ, pur ammettendo la scarsit‡ del segnale, hanno riconosciuto la voce dello speaker in onda quella notte (ora locale del Messico). Un altro esempio del buon vecchio "true (Play) DX spirit" (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD)

** MEXICO. After a dry spell of a few days, Es TVDX mainly from Veracruz stations on 2, 4, 5, July 22 from 1547 past 1720 UT. Details to be compiled later. [Viz.:]

WWCR was inbooming on 15825 the morning of July 22, so I started monitoring TV channel 2 for signs of sporadic E on VHF.

1547 UT, 2 finally fades in, from SSE, 10:47 clock in LR and a bug I cannot make out. Seems infomercial. UR says TELEVISA. Another fade-in around 1600, and 1604, still infomercial.

1608 on 2, Azteca7 in UR, fade-in, video only at first; 11:08 clock in upper right. Then two OM presenting a receta del dÌa = recipe of the day

1610 on 4, no audio at first, but 11:10 clock in LR, star bug in UR = Televisa-2 net. Likely Tampico, XHD

1618 on 4, elaborate promo film for Quintana Roo, apparently vacation destination, so likely from elsewhere than QR itself. Televisa credit

1627 on 2, Azteca7, with huge lettering at bottom: info7.mx

1640 on 2, Televisa about Nuestra Belleza, in Veracruz; 1642 mentions TeleVer and Veracruz a few times. Safely assumed to be XHFM there

1702 on 5, something starts to appear, looks like game show

1703 on 4, yes 4, bug in UR for italic tv3, as in XHP-3 Puebla. Danny Oglethorpe says there is a 4 relaying XHP-3 fulltime in Tehuac·n, Puebla. W9WI.com agrees; apparently it has the same call letters XHP, but is 20 kW compared to 100 kW on 3. Show is about jeeps, featuring a YL with a sash, probably attesting to her regional beauty

1704 on 5, game show has TeleVer bug in UR, so XHAJ Las Lajas

1710 on 2, Azteca7 news, local rather than from DF HQ? A7 on 2 most likely Tampico, or maybe Campeche

1713 on 4, net-5 with toons. Lots of them around MÈxico, but most likely in the PTA (probable target area) are Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz; or maybe MÈrida, Yucat·n

1718 on 3, tv3 bug in UR, game show teams consisting of two OMs as ZANCUDOS [long-legs], vs two YLs as ABEJAS [bees]. It`s the seVale program as per bug in LR. XHP Puebla

1725 on 2, Azteca7 news again, about roads out, flooded? in Nuevo LeÛn, Monterrey mentioned several times, but XEFB-2 in Mty itself is not A7, so probably XHTAU Tampico

1730 on 2, Info7 promo, NFL promo, more news. Various signals continue the next semihour, but weakening, and opening just about gone by 1800 UT (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA [and non]. Asia. At 1530 hours on 9666 kHz can be received three stations simultaneously if you can cope with the interference: the already broadcasting on the inaccurate frequency of 9666 kHz local station from North Korea plus just beginning their broadcasts China Radio International and English Service of Voice of Mongolia. Again from China was heard Radio Xinjiang on 6120 and 7205 kHz after 01 hour with non-stop songs in English (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, R. Bulgaria DX July 23 via Yimber GavirÌa, DXLD) But China and Mongolia are close to 9665, not 9666 (gh, DXLD)

** MOROCCO. 711.1, RTM-"R", La,youne (El Ai˙n), "Radio Regional de El Ai˙n", 2211-2234, 24 Jul'10, Castilian, news, Spanish songs; fair modulation this time; 55544 (Carlos GonÁalves - PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. BURMA, 5985.8, Myanma R., Yegu, 2251-2319, 18 Jul'10, carrier, tune with local musical instruments, ID in Bamar, songs; 24342. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, July 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) 7200: see KOREA NORTH [and non]

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 7360, July 24 at 1128, VG signal with RNW concluding ``Classic Dox`` show and just before 1130 opening ``Network Europe``, but goes to OC briefly during which I could barely hear CRI IS underneath, and off.

One might reasonably assume that RN has relented and reinstated an

English broadcast on SW to North America from 1030 or 1100, the reception is so good. But it`s really the end of RNW`s Dutch at 1100 via IBB Tinang, PHILIPPINES, where they automatically switch to three minutes of English at 1127-1130*, just to tantalize us on the 21-degree azimuth USward. And the CRI would be Kunming southward about to start Thai at 1130. Same thing happens at 1327 on 9650, but then it collides with China via Canada (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. QSLs: Rwanda, RADIO NEDERLAND, Kigali 9895 kHz, Cartolina QSL in 57 giorni. No RP. QTH: P. O. Box 222 - NL-1200 JG Hilversum (Olanda).

Sri Lanka, RADIO NEDERLAND, Trincomalee, 9895 kHz, Cartolina QSL in 57 giorni. No RP. QTH: P. O. Box 222 - NL-1200 JG Hilversum (Olanda). (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Media Network COMING THIS FALL TO PCJ

Just wanted to let everyone know that coming this fall classic Media Network will be carried on PCJ Radio. This past weekend we conducted a test of our own stream. NOT USING LIVE365. On the home page of PCJMEDIA.com on the right side (ON AIR) below a picture of a radio and below that (LISTEN NOW!). Next week we will run a schedule test. The 6 hour schedule will be broken up into three 2-hour blocks and will go out at different time. Will post the schedule here this week.

Thanks to Jonathan for Media Network. Does anyone remember Steve Palmer? I have a picture of him at the site. He was a PCJ announcer at some point and maybe even RNW (Keith Perron, Taiwan, July 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. Re 10-29: 930 CJYQ applies again for new transmitter site: http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2010/2010-486.pdf

I've skimmed through the file, including the engineering maps etc.

For those of you that want to be armchair broadcast engineers, and for the real broadcast engineers/techs, there is lots of interesting stuff. Of course, you'll have to dig, use Google to educate yourself [if you are an armchair broadcast engineer rather than a real one, etc., but if you have the time, you can teach yourself a lot].

Its a story of vandalism, extreme rust and trying to make the best out of a bad situation.

In a nutshell, CJYQ is applying to go 25 kW day, 3.5 kW night by using just one of sister station VOCM's towers. It makes a lot more sense

than their earlier plan to use the facilities of a sister station in a town across the bay. That plan got foiled when they saw just how rusty the CKVO towers are! (Phil Rafuse, PEI, July 23, ABDX via DXLD)

Perhaps the poor audibility of CJYQ here in the UK for the last year or more is associated with degradation of the antenna as suggested in the last sentence? 73 (Steve Whitt, England, MWC via DXLD)

I just spent some time to find out more about this story. This may be a surprise, but CJYQ is the most easily audible TA signal in Europe, thus the particular interest.

Newcap Broadcasting applied for a site change, which has been approved:
http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2009/2009-253.htm

This is the transmitter site in question, in the western outskirts of St. John's, next to a highway exit (which is featured on Flickr, but unfortunately in both cases with the location of the masts out of frame):
http://maps.google.de/maps?
ie=UTF8&ll=47.576019,-52.784092&spn=0.00532,0.009559&t=h&z=17

The plan from last year was to move 930 kHz to a transmitter site that was until autumn 2008 (authorization for its operation expired on Oct 7 2008) in use with 5 kW on 560 kHz and had to be shut down as result of a "move to FM" process, with the coverage of new FM outlet apparently being inferior to an extent that it appears to be a case of shooting in one's on feet:
http://maps.google.de/maps?
ie=UTF8&ll=47.659925,-53.250464&spn=0.002656,0.00478&t=h&z=18

Now I wonder if the change has really been made? If so they plan to abandon the new (rather reused) site already after just one year. Almost unthinkable here in Europe. And I also wonder why they bother at all, since the whole thing appears to be just some tourism promotion now. I would have rather suspected that they would simply shut down the crumbling facility and be done with this mediumwave frequency (Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

They plan to co-locate with VOCM:
http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2010/2010-486.htm
Site located at 47.32.38N 52.46.40W
Per the application, I guess the ex CHVO site was in pretty rough shape. a (Andy Reid, Ont., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. 6170, RNZI came on a few sex before 1300 UT Monday

July 26 with Bell Bird, timesignal and news. Poor signal with a sesquihour of sunshine on this end of the path, and worse for Mailbox, checked at 1341 as after music break, Myra Oh was welcoming Adrian Sainsbury back from another big trip, an 8-week holiday to Europe bypassing the troubles in Bangkok, but including a Mediterranean cruise. As usual I have to go back and listen to it later online for perfect reception: http://www.rnzi.com/audio/mailbox.mp3 including Part II of David Ricquish`s feature on history of broadcasting in PNG.

Adrian says he had planned to retire in January, but will be staying on a while longer at RNZI. Looks like a youngfellow, far from retirement age at http://www.rnzi.com/images/Adrain%20in%20Tonga.jpg

And also previous show with Part I of Ricquish`s PNG feature: http://www.rnzi.com/audio/mailbox2.mp3
As of July 26, the link for this at
http://www.rnzi.com/pages/audio.php
is dated June 13 --- is that correct? What happened to the two intervening fortnightly shows? Apparently into black hole, as at the end of the older mailbox2 file Myra did say ``back in two weeks with DX report from Bryan Clark``, but the other, new file has Ricquish again, not Clark (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Mediawatch in RNZ national program, Sundays at 9am and 10pm. (Local time UT+12 hrs, Sat 2106 UT, Sun 1006 UT). You can now listen or download programmes back to January 2007 in the programme archive.
http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/mediawatch/programme_archive

Transcripts of past programmes are available for 2001 through to 2004.
<http://www.radionz.co.nz/nr/programmes/mediawatch/archive>
<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/mediawatch>
(Wolfgang B¸schel, July 16, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 25 via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirates]. 6925 USB, Wolverine Radio, 0215-0230, July 24, ID. Oldies pop music of the 50s-60s. Good signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

6940 AM, Radio Casablanca, 0240-0255, July 25, oldies music of the 1940s with songs by Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Andrews Sisters and others. ID. Fair signal (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NORTH AMERICA. Channel Z Radio QSL card

The below provided link points to a scan of a QSL card that I recently received (via snail-mail) from Channel Z Radio which confirms my reception of this pirate broadcaster on 31-May-2010.

http://www.21centimeter.com/21centimeter/QSL-Cards/Channel_Z_QSL_Card.jpg

The card was accompanied by a very nice letter from the station operator. We also had a series of very friendly e-mail exchanges. I'm grateful for the time and effort put forth by 'Z' to acknowledge my reception of this station and to tell me a little bit about its operating philosophy. Rgds, (-Pete Jernakoff-, K3KMS, Wilmington, Delaware, http://www.21centimeter.com July 25, ABDX via DXLD) Or should I have filed this under Europe? 15066.7 (gh)

** NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS [and non]. 13m again active in the nightmiddle (more so than in the daymiddle, it seems!), July 22 at 0628, R. Free Asia, poor on 21550 in Mandarin, 21500 in Tibetan, both Tinian, with 21550 // 17880 Saipan which propagates much more regularly during this hour. The usual //s on 17, 15 and 13 MHz bands also audible, plus signs of the Kashgar CRI emissions to Europe on 17 MHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1580, KOKB Blackwell, was (over)modulating Saturday July 24 when first checked around 1400 UT, so no chance for undercarrier DX this week. However, it might have been possible Sunday morning, but did not notice until 2025 July 25 that it was back to open carrier.

[and non]. 1580, KOKB Blackwell still open carrier Monday July 26 at 1305 UT, so I listen to the undersignals, mixture of several, none in Spanish, producing multiple subaudible heterodynes. Mostly talk tho heard a bit of C&W music too; sportstalk dominated at 1311, not // ESPN KCRC 1390. 1315 with phone number 419-something; 1316 ad with area code 303 heard twice, i.e. KKKK in Colorado. At 1338 promo mentioned Fox Sports Radio, but not // KOKP 1020, so there is definitely some other station with FS on 1580 now. Next check 1357, KOKB had come to life with overmodulation, outblotting the rest (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. Clear Channel gives away two AM stations
   Two More AMs Donated by Clear Channel, 07.20.2010

The sight of a major radio broadcast group giving away AM radio stations rather than selling them probably isnít doing much for the morale of those who worry about the long-term value of AM licenses. But itís welcome news to the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council, which now has received two more AM stations through a donation from Clear Channel Radio, making a total of six in the past year.

Clear Channel Radio is giving MMTC two stations to help it expand ownership and training opportunities for ìminorities, women and other

underserved groups.î

The stations are KFXN in Minneapolis and WTOC in Newton, N.J.

Last year Clear Channel gave a transmitter and four stations to the MMTC: WHJA in Laurel, Miss.; KYHN in Fort Smith, Ark.; KYFX in Wabasha, Minn.; and WYNF in North Augusta, S.C.

The organizations this week also announced that two of last yearís stations now will be ìrelaunchedî with new minority operators and executives.

WYNF was awarded to Shannon Renee deMedicis of Medici Media Inc. WHJA was awarded to Jeffrey Hedgemon, CEO of Full Spectrum Broadcasting. MMTC described a ìrigorous screening processî to choose candidates who could best serve their communities. The stations will be operated under LMAs pending financing and final diligence.
http://www.radioworld.com/article/103714
(via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

Note 1650 KYHN GIVEN AWAY!!! Let's hope they come back on as Arkansas is a hard state to hear (Barry :-) Davies, UK, July 21, MWC yg via DXLD)

Never mind; it is really in Oklahoma. Unless of course they were to rebuild the flooded transmitter site across the border really in Arkansas. 73, (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, ibid.) More under U S A

** OKLAHOMA. Re 10-29: New VP/ Board Member re KEIF

The Rocket Radio Network --- No, Anita did not give birth to the new General Manager of The Rocket. Welcome to Ron Anderson who has assumed the position of General Manager of KEIF Radio, 104.7FM The Rocket. Ron Anderson is a respected leader of the community, has a Masters in Pshycology [sic] (good for our crazy staff) and is a honest, caring person about his community. We wish Ron Anderson the best of luck, along with his appointment of Scott Clark as the new chief operater [sic] and Operations Manager of The Rocket.

The Rocket Radio Network Changes for the better have already begun at the Rockiet [sic]. Just announced today is our new General Manager and VP of the Board of Directors of EPRA, the parent company of KEIF Radio, 104.7FM The Rocket. Ron Anderson is bringing sweeping changes to our community oriented radio station and will be making us sound and act better for our local community (Facebook July 22 via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. Intrastate TVDX --- at 0230 UT July 25 on ch 19 analog,

GCN from OKC, KUOT-CA, tropo-enhanced strong enough to see the GCN all-caps italic bug in UR, but also one in the UL, plus some tiny lettering below it I still can`t read. A strange duct, as nothing on 17, 21 or even 36 low-powers at this time. More below.

After 0300, 36 was making it again, but also getting some analog on 35, from slightly further east, // KSBI-51. Therefore it can only be K35CU in Ada OK, new for me, listed by W9WI.com as 43 kW ERP in analog, and with a CP for LD with 15 kW from same site. How much longer can they put off digitizing translators?

So far I have had no luck getting Ada`s KTEN, not that far away, since it is DTV only on RF 26, so I check that, and now it`s in solid, during local late news.

OETA recently ran a documentary on the history of KTEN; its original building in Ada has been abandoned, and now it originates from Baja Oclajoma, with Ada just the COL. I discovered it is running three DTV channels, as labeled:

10-1, KTENNBC
10-2, KTEN-CW
10-3, KTENABC

For many years, since there were only two stations in this pocket sub-market between OKC and DFW, KTEN had dual affiliation with ABC and NBC, which caused all kinds of problems in picking which network shows to put into primetime. I think some of the dregs got delayed until after midnight. Then the other station, KXII 12 Ardmore OK, adopted some of the NBC shows along with its CBS affiliation. No more: KTEN can run both NBC and ABC fulltime.

At this time, however, the local news was // on both 10-1 and 10-3, but as I switched back and forth, the commercials were different! Cute solo anchorette, presumably a Texan, not an Okie. Later featured an interview with Ann Curry in NY about a segment involving KTEN coming up tomorrow evening on Dateline NBC. Missed it, but apparently this episode: ``America Now: Friends & Neighbors Airdate: 7/25/2010
The recession's impact on some of the country's poorest people; how Americans are taking action to improve their financial situations.``
26 faded below threshold not long after 0330 UT during SNL on NBC.

FCC TV Query and W9WI.com show KTEN 26 as 1000 kW, 426 meters, but only as a digital television CP; surely it no longer just a CP a year+ after the final analog turnoff. W9WI.com also shows virtual channels as NBC|CW|WX||| but is really ABC instead of WX on -3.

Site is considerably S of Ada, NE of Tishomingo, and W of Atoka, which

gets more of its signal into Texas where desired.

Since this was in, also looked for KXII on RF 20, but not making it. It site is further south still, SSW of Tishomingo, between Ardmore and Durant OK just north of Lake Texoma, but it no longer counts as an OK station at all, rather Sherman TX. And lower powered, 425 kW, 503.5 meters. Yet its 41 dBu contour makes it to the north edge of The Metroplex, where surely no one watches it even if they could.

Locally, KXOK-32 and DTV 31 when I can get it, has been RTV, after the outages of last week. For a while the afternoon of Sunday July 25, it was back to ``No Signal`` on the screen. RTV audio is always low with a hum.

At times on 32, I have spotted a joint ID slide with KTEW 18 Ponca City, which I believe is jointly owned. Not to be confused with channel 2 in Tulsa which held those calls for a while, Casper preventing KTWO from being available. But why would a channel 18 in Ponca want them?

19, KUOT-CA, tropo enhancement with storms in the area, July 26 at 0050 has GCN in UR, but no bug in UL, which was probably program-specific previously. But now it`s a preacher in Indonesian! plus open captions in English. Closing with website www.morethandreams.org

Vertical sync is jittery; not sure if their problem or mine, but I don`t see it on other analog channels. Settled down with slightly strengthening signal, a music video filler involving applying too much makeup to two young women, and then removing it.

I was on the lookout for a real local ID, and one came at 0059 in the form of a quick white-on-black-background streamer across the top of the screen, ``KUOT-CA CHANNEL 19 OKLAHOMA CITY``. And then from GCN, Christian Music Videos, but at 0101 switch to character generator:

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**** VIDEO TROUBLE ****
    THIS CHANNEL IS
 TEMPORARILY OFF-LINE
        DUE TO
TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES
**** VIDEO TROUBLE ****
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Before 0103 UT, cut back to CMV, briefly with menu screen I think showing Galaxy 32 (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's probably just a CP [KTEN]. All that means is they haven't received a license-to-cover yet. They may well be operating under program test authority. Remember, stations don't have to wait for the

license-to-cover before they can begin broadcasting. I can't say why they don't have their license yet. They filed for it four years ago (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KXII has not been on channel 20 since Spring 2009 or earlier. They're on channel 12 now (Trip Ericson, http://www.rabbitears.info WTFDA via DXLD)

So, more misleading info from FCC TV QUERY, says it`s licensed on 20 but only a CP modification on 12:
KXII 12 DT CP MOD SHERMAN TX US
BMPCDT-20080609ACT - 35954 36. kW 545.5 m GRAY
TELEVISION LICENSEE, LLC
KXII 20 DT LIC SHERMAN TX US
BLCDT-20020419AAG - 35954 425. kW 503.5 m GRAY
TELEVISION LICENSEE, LLC

Why in the world don`t they delete channels which have been abandoned forever? (gh, DXLD)

Probably because they've not yet granted the channel 12 license. I think they have it automated such that it will archive the channel 20 when the channel 12 is licensed.

In all honesty, not to be too forward about it or anything, but I try to hold RabbitEars to a higher standard than the FCC Query, and I think you're more likely to get accurate information from RabbitEars. I even just added a clone of the FCC's TV Query to RabbitEars last night, if that appeals to you (Trip Ericson, http://www.rabbitears.info DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, I see you have KXII there only on 12. There`s a lot of extraneous (for me) info on your site, such as grouping stations by market size, but I must start consulting it too (gh, DXLD)

Because we're not yet sure channel 20 has been abandoned forever.

While it's unlikely, the possibility exists the license-to-cover for channel 12 will not be granted. Maybe it wasn't built according to the CP, the station can't afford to modify the as-built facility to match the CP, and the as-built facility either causes interference or doesn't provide a principal-city signal across Sherman. Maybe there's a mistake on the CP, the specified tower site is in a lake, and no site on dry land is adequately spaced from other stations. Both situations are far-fetched (and I'm having a hard time thinking up any other scenarios!) but both are *possible*.

Far more likely, the station has coverage problems with channel 12 and

decides to go back to channel 20. Could be that they never even bother to apply for a license-to-cover for channel 12.

Anyway, the channel 20 license remains active until the license-to-cover is issued for channel 12.

There is a limit to how long the FCC will protect channel 20 from interference. In a recent FM proceeding in the same general North Texas area, the Commission ruled that when a station receives a permit for technical changes, they're allowed to operate the *old* facilities under an "implied Special Temporary Authority". Their *authorized* facilities are the *new* facilities. In the Texas FM case, Station A dragged its feet on a tower site move they'd requested, delaying the implementation of a power increase at Station B, whose upgrade was contingent on Station A completing its changes.

The Commission finally had enough & told Station A it was going to authorize Station B to go ahead with the power increase, recognizing interference to Station A would result, until A finally got around to moving.

Now, it may well take the Commission staff some time to mark channel 20 as an archive record once the channel 12 license-to-cover is issued. I can't explain that (Doug Smith W9WI. Pleasant View, TN EM66, WTFDA via DXLD)

KIPB-LP channel 65 Pine Bluff AR has been silent for over FIVE years and yet it`s still listed as an active license. The station had planned on signing off in May 2005 and three days before its planned shutdown, the transmitter suffered a fatal malfunction.

I put part of the blame on the FCC/Congress extending the license terms for broadcast stations in past years (Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, ibid.)

I find the whole FCC in disarray. Tons of transition period licences still listed in their database making it hard to tell which channel a station is really operating on. I used to think that Industry Canada was disorganized and used to wish that they were more like the FCC; instead the FCC has dropped in quality.

The close-spaced DTV's, the white space devices, and the suggestion that stations "piggyback" and "share" DTV channels (whatever happened to HDTV?) makes me realize that the folks running it really aren't technical people at all. wrh (Bill Hepburn, Ont., ibid.)

** OKLAHOMA. [Continued from USA, about KPBI 35 carrying UnivisiÛn on 35-2] I was also getting UnivisiÛn on analog 25 from the same

direxion, same novela but a few sex apart, which must be KUTU-CA in Tulsa OK, per W9WI.com, 5.06 kW ERP. It`s been there for years but seldom seen here in Enid. Full power KOKH-25 in OKC must have frequently overcome it even in Tulsa area during the analog era. I would have picked some other channel for it, but it helped keep Fox OKC out of KOKI-23 Tulsa domain.

Besides the usual Tulsa-area DTV on RF 45, 42, 28, 22, 20, 17 and 11 (but not enough signal on 10 or 8, so forget NBC and ABC), I was also getting:

RF 49, KGEB-DT 53-1
RF 47, KWHB, LeSea with subchannel of little interest. And:

RF 36, KRSC Claremore OK. This is an independent public TV station, not with PBS, but lots of good programming I wish I could always get as an alternative to OETA. As DTV 35-1 KRSC-SD with Red Green, short de-commercialed show with fill from 0521; 0530 Antiques Roadshow. Bug on 35-1: LR, interlocking letters R S U, and Rogers / Television.

KRSC`s 35-2 was carrying Classic ARTS, which we also have in Enid on public access cable 12 via Pegasys, but analog video often with sparklies and audio is always hissy. So it was a pleasure to see it with perfect video and hear quiet stereo audio for a change via KRSC. Bug on 35-2: UR, R S U interlocking, Rogers Television, KRSC-D35-2 / Claremore, OK.

Note: some years ago Rogers State upgraded from a College to a University, but kept the KRSC calls. By 0615 UT, 36 had faded out, or rather fell off the cliff. Bill Hepburn`s tropo map for this hour showed nothing special, Enid as usual on the edge or just beyond tropo enhanced areas.

Speaking of which, I have found that with some tropo enhancement I can get additional lower-powered signals from OKC, 65-80 miles away.

46, KOCM, licensed to Norman but FCC service area map shows it really in the NE OKC antenna farm with the big stations. The only iffy DTV from OKC. It`s Daystar, so totally gospel huxter and nothing worth watching on it, anyway. W9WI.com listing shows calls KOCM without any suffix but licensed as DT, 50 kW, 416m. Axually I can get a somewhat jumpy decode of this even during dead conditions at midday with antenna aimed just right, as checked July 23 at 1645.

Remaining low-powered analogs, invisible in dead conditions, do not all come in at the same time, so must be distinct sites:

17, Spanish religion from KLHO-LP. W9WI says it`s Reino Unido, which

means United Kingdom, obviously not referring to an offshore quasi-European country. Site is between Valley Brook and Moore on the S side of OKC, and does not even cover the entire Metro. Is this the old KSBI-52 tower? Has CP for DTV on 31. I have never heard of Valley Brook in any other context.

19, GCN bug in lower right [make that upper right, at least when I rechecked]. Silly me, I assumed this has something to do with the pirate-friendly radio network GCN, Genesis Communications Network. But on TV, GCN means Global Christian Network. Has a fancy website http://www.gcntv.org/ with an affiliate list including KUOT-CA, ch 19, OKC, but like Daystar, nothing but gospel huxters. Site looks to be the same as 17, but with greater coverage.

21, home shopping, they all look alike to me, MEGO, but W9WI.com listed as HSN for KTOU-LP. Site slightly different than 17 and 19, closer to Valley Brook, intersexion of I-240 and I-35, but in same general area. Has CP for DTV on 23, and an APP for 43!

36, KCHM-CA, with UnivisiÛn, the tail which wags the dog of the full-power KUOK 35 in Woodward. 36 is the first of the LP OKC stations to show up, sometimes only, obviously higher powered/towered tho W9WI.com listings do not account for that.

48, // 36 with UnivisiÛn, KWDW-LP, site is just east of Nichols Hills in the N Central part of OKC. Closer than 36 but much weaker.

So far I have not seen any sign of others listed in W9WI.com:
38, KOHC-CA with Azteca AmÈrica
41, KXOC-LP, but it`s on KSBI-51 as virtual 52-2, mostly infomercials. However, this is labeled at KSBI-SD, but the last I checked the programming scheduled was identical. 52-1 is labeled KBSI-HD (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PALESTINE. PALESTINIAN MINISTER VOWS TO CLOSE "PIRATE" BROADCASTERS | Text of report in English by independent, non-governmental Palestinian Ma'an News Agency website on 26 July

Bethlehem: Telecommunications Minister Mashhur Abu Daqqah said Sunday that his ministry would close down local radio and television stations operating without licences.

Abu Daqqah said 30 of the 130 stations in the West Bank do not have licences, and while some have responded to ministerial requests to amend this situation, others have failed to do so including some which have been broadcasting unlicensed for 20 years.

His ministry has formed a committee with the information and interior

ministries to address this issue, setting a deadline by which pirate stations must obtain licences or be shut down.

A number of local stations received orders to stop transmissions if they do not obtain licences within one month. The ministry's licensing director, Ahmad Muneizel, said if stations do not comply with the regulations, their frequencies will be withdrawn.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate expressed its solidarity with the stations threatened with closure, but added that they must abide with the ministry's demands.

Regarding poor internet services in the West Bank, Abu Daqqah said licences have been granted to 10 new internet companies, which will use the existing network.

The ministry has agreed with telecommunications company PalTel to invest in new infrastructure over the next three years which will work with next-generation network technology, the minister said.

Meanwhile, the new companies will offer eight to 10 megabytes of internet access, and subscribers will be billed for this on top of their PalTel bill, Abu Daqqah explained, adding that the internet market had been opened up and initial prices will be reduced within three months. Source: Ma'an News Agency website, Bethlehem, in English 26 Jul 10 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3290, Radio Central at 1224, man in Tok Pisin, country and pop music styles. Poor-fair, July 26.

3335, Radio East Sepik at 1231, male announcer taking very brief phone calls from listeners, speaking in combination of Tok Pisin and English, seemed to a contest. Time check ì25 minutes to 11î at 1239, so off a few minutes! Poor-fair, July 26 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening by Lake Kalamalka from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA [and non]. RNZI Airs New Radio Heritage Documentary --- PAPUA NEW GUINEA RADIO --- TENSION IN THE AIR 1950'S

WELLINGTON [NZ] Join us from Monday July 26 2010 when we air our second radio heritage documentary about Papua New Guinea Radio on the Mailbox program from Radio New Zealand International.

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Radio Heritage Foundation is a registered non-profit organization connecting popular culture, nostalgia and radio heritage across the Pacific.

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 (David Ricquish, RHF, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also NEW ZEALAND

** PERU. 4850, Genesis Radio (Radio Genesis too), Huanta, reported past July 24 from Potrerillos, a small town in Mendoza Province (in

the west of my country). Listened with religious music (Christian huaynos!!!!!!) and canned ID in the local morning (1050 UT) and the evening and night (2230 to 0130 UT). Off air on Sunday (July 25) and Monday (July 26). Excellent reception (QSA 4/5) (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Very good, so now we have a name for this new station, OAW5E; see DXLD 10-27 and 10-28. Do they pronounce ``Genesis Radio`` as in English? In Spanish, I assume it`s really Radio GÈnesis (gh, DXLD)

Glenn: Le contesto en espaÒol para poder expresar con claridad mi idea. Ellos se identifican en ocasiones como "Radio Genesis" y en otras invierten el orden de las palabras ("Genesis Radio") pero siempre con pronunciaciÛn en espaÒol. Y, al igual que Ud., Glenn, entiendo que el nombre correcto es "Radio Genesis". Evidentemente est·n en pruebas y a ello atribuyo la salida intempestiva del aire los dias domingo y lunes. 73 (Arnaldo Slaen, ibid.)

** PERU. Florida Logs
3329.53, Ondas del Huallaga, Hu·nuco, regular every day reception 1000 and 0000 with IF notch for CHU
4746.94, Radio Huanta 2000, Huanta, Ayacucho, 1030 on 20 July
4774.9, R. Tarma, Tarma regular reception 1000 and 2330 every day!
4824.49, La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos, 0000 on 23 July
4826.5, Radio Sicuani, Sicuani, Cusco, 0000 23 July
4835.42, Radio MaraÒÛn, JaÈn, 1040 to 1050, narrow filter to avoid 4840 slop [WWCR]. 22 July
4857.4, Radio La Hora, Cusco, 2340 on 16 July
4986.833, Radio Manantial, Huancayo 0015 on July 23
5039.21, Radio Libertad, JunÌn, 1044 to 1055 on July 19th, No RHC, om "cinco en la maÒana .." Buenos DÌas
5120.38, Ondas del Suroriente, Quillabamba, m˙sica peruana, 1050 on 22 July
5485.45, Radio Reina de la Selva, Chachapoyas, 1040 to 1100 on 22 July with m˙sica y om but no ID
5921.35, Radio Bethel, 1050 on 22 July, per Dave Valko Tip. 0015 23 July.
6047.16, Radio Santa Rosa, Lima, 0000 to 0020 weak and deep fades 23 July; 1030 choral music 23 July
(Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, US, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, July 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5025.02, Radio Quillabamba, 1210, brief talk by a man, ad string, huaynos. Happy to hear this as Rebelde usually dominates. 19 July.

5039.198, Radio Libertad, 1156, many promos and ads leading up to 1200, several with 'El CÛndor Pasa" music bed; very good despite

CODAR. 19 July.

6173.87, Radio Tawantinsuyo, 1146, Spanish, kicking up a very strong het against presumed CRI on 6175. Good copy in LSB with banter between a man and a woman, frequent references to "Cusco." 16 July (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 6019.294, 2300 UT July 25, R. Victoria, Lima, Spanish speech by male and full ID as "R. Victoria" and 9th Symphony by Beethoven (short), fair.

5921.294, 2301 UT July 25, R. Bethel, Arequipa, religion talks in Spanish by male, weak. 73, (Perseus SDR, Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, HCDX via DXLD)

** ROMANIA. 17510, OSOB at 1154 July 24, Carib rap music, so Farda? No, it`s RRI as revealed a minute later with sign-off in English until 1700; claims the 1100 frequencies are 15430, 17670, no mention of this one; 1156 IS. A-10 schedule at
http://www.rri.ro/art.shtml?lang=1&sec=20&art=30820
says those two are for Central Africa, with 17510 and 15210 for W Europe. Beware; they also still link to English frequency schedules for the past three seasons (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Additional frequency for Voice of Russia in Japanese: 1200-1400 on 7340 P.K 250 kW / 240 deg // 7235 IRK 100 kW / 115 deg (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 26 July via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. The Kabardino-Balkaria branch of VGTRK (All-Russian State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company) translates its weekly TV news into English. Here's the link to its English video archives: http://vestikbr.ru/?cat=10

Kabardino-Balkaria is a little known North Caucasus republic within the Russian Federation. Wikipedia provides surprisingly little information on it: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kabardino-Balkaria (Sergei S., July 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Kuybyshev Radio Center is Shut Down "forever" (VIDEO)

Here's a link to a TV report in Russian. I can't believe they didn't even capture the collapsing radio mast. The station was used not only for usual Soviet radio propaganda but also for jamming.

The local authorities are planning to build a stadium or suburban community on the grounds. The communication specialists are hoping for a small radio museum. http://www.ntv.ru/novosti/199591/

(Sergei S., July 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Sergei, many thanks for this interesting video. For those who want to save this MP4 video (20.1 MB) just right-click and Save Target As the following download link:
http://media.ntv.ru/news/20100723/TV_CH6_0723_0957_SAVIN_t194.mp4
73 (DrAgan Lekic, Serbia, ibid.)

Sad but predictable TV news: Samara-Russia TX site has came to its end

Hello to all, just saw on Russian NTV news report about dismantling of Samara AM/SW TX site ("Radiotekhnicheskyy Tsentr imeni Popova"), also known by nearest village name - Novosemeykino. It was 65 years in service. Btw, 4 masts left, still standing proud ... will be destroyed next week :((Vlad Titarev, Ukraine, DXplorer July 23 via BC-DX July 25 via DXLD)

Shut down service and move the LW 234 and MW 873 service from Novosemeykino to Samara, some 14.5 kilometers southwards has been discussed about in 2001 and 2007y, also in dxld.

Excellent photosnap set:
http://foto.cqham.ru/showgallery.php?cat=698&ppuser=2420

RUS Former world war II (Samara / Kuybyshev) Novosemeykino site,
ex234 kHz 2000/1200 kW, 4x205 meters tall masts, closed in 2005
53 22'57.00"N 50 20'17.00"E

http://maps.yandex.ru/?ll=50.337816%2C53.382399&spn=0.008965%2C0.003158&l=sat

http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=53%C2%B022%2757.00%22N+
+50%C2%B020%2717.00%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=18.754035,56.293945&ie=UTF8&l
l=53.382509,50.337982&spn=0.004345,0.013744&t=h&z=17

RUS (Samara / Kuybyshev) Novosemeykino site,
former 873 kHz 100 kW, 4x150 meters tall masts, closed 2005
see snap in the background
http://commondatastorage.googleapis.com/static.panoramio.com/photos/original/
19939107.jpg

53 23'25.44"N 50 19'50.53"E

http://maps.yandex.ru/?ll=50.330701%2C53.390401&spn=0.008956%2C0.003163&l=sat

http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=53%C2%B023%2725.44%22N+
+50%C2%B019%2750.53%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=18.754035,56.293945&ie=UTF8&l
l=53.389689,50.332618&spn=0.008689,0.027487&t=h&z=16

New Samara MW now 729, 873, 1143 kHz
53 16'21.84"N 50 14'38.74"E

http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=53%C2%B016%2721.84%22N+
+50%C2%B014%2738.74%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=18.754035,56.293945&ie=UTF8&l
l=53.272733,50.244083&spn=0.002178,0.006872&t=h&z=18

73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, July 23, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Folks, The Samara SW site is closed & being dismantled. Kai
commented back in 2008 that site could close as early as A08. What I
am unsure of is the date of the last SW transmission from Samara.
HFCC still lists SAMara in the current A10 transmission schedule.
Can anyone kindly assist with info?

The video length is surprisingly good with video of towers being
detonated & falling & plenty of commentary, just wish I could
understand the language :-((Ian Baxter, NSW, July 26, shortwavesites
yg via DXLD)

Re: Goodbye to Samara --- This is not about SW site but about old very
powerful LW/MW site (Victor Rutkovsky, Russia, July 26, ibid.)

Right Victor, totally agree with. I had this discussed with Mauno also
recently. 73 wolfy (B¸schel, ibid.) Viz..:

``to built up new suburb houses, and concentrate all the hardware on
the SW & MW center little bit southwards.``

...that is a mistake of interpretation my e-mail

53 16'34.00"N 50 14'25.00"E remains, will be kept also in foreseen
future. These SW gear has been re-newed 2-3 years ago. They had very
bad audio outlet in 2000 to approx. 2006 years. But now the audio
satisfied the listener ... and clients like TDP again. Also MW
locations Samara occured in one of the latest ITU registration files
some 2 years ago ...

``But it really looks like there might be a third mast at the place
you give.``

I guess this results of the new ITU MW Geneva location list entries by
Russia in 2007 ... 2008 ?

``my entry on Google Earth called:
""RUS former Samara 810 kHz 30 kW; also former 1143 kHz 100 kW""
see also screenshot on new MW&SW site

I have written "1143 kHz now?" at the coordinates I gave, but I have no notes why I did so. However, both Bernd and Victor still list 1143 kHz as Mekhzavod and not Samara. But it really looks like there might be a third mast at the place you give. 73, MR``

I guess only these two areas rebuilt as suburb houses area in future: 53 18'15.97"N 50 17'04.66"E
and big wide area of 1.6 kms, + radio MUSEUM? too ! at very old MW&LW site 14 kilometers northerly 53 23'11.58"N 50 20'04.27"E 73 wb

Oh yes. My apologies everyone. Should have read the text more closely & followed Wolfy's coordinate links & then would have realised that this is referring to the site some 14 km northward.

The text from 'Vlad Titarev' misleading in referring to MW/SW site! I'm sure I wasn't the only one confused. Thanks for the 'heads up' on this Victor & Wolfgang. Regards (Ian Baxter, ibid.)

** SAINT HELENA. RADIO SAINT HELENA QSL NEWS

In an e-mail from Gary Walters, station manager, Radio Saint Helena, he reports that the first batch of QSLs from the 2009 Radio Saint Helena SW broadcast are on the way. Here is part of his message:

"Me and my family have recently returned from CT [Capetown] after spending 2 months away from the island. Last week (My first week at work) before the RMS sailed to Ascension, me and Cherry (My wife) sent a stack of QSL cards to Japan. We decided to start with Japan first as we have the most reports from them. Up to this weekend we have finished with Japan and are now concentrating with reports from USA. So we are really steamrolling ahead with this project."

Please pass this news to any DX groups you may think are interested (Joe Buch, FL, USA, July 25, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 17705, BSKSA Riyadh at 1315 July 24 with interview in Arabic between studio announcer and a phoner; modulation level not commensurate with the S9+10 signal, slow fades. Is 310 degrees for Europe, also USward (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA {and non]. Re 10-29: Wolfy, low power signal 2 years ago on 6100 kHz was from BIJeljina, Bosnia 500 kW transmitter running with low power.
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David KrÌû [also with hook over the R] posted 7 fresh pictures of ZVECKA, Serbia mediumwave facility, July 2010:

http://www.imagebam.com/image/cd075c89403957

http://www.imagebam.com/image/561bea89403893
http://www.imagebam.com/image/7d541889403907
http://www.imagebam.com/image/ab2a1789403918
http://www.imagebam.com/image/27a60e89403922
http://www.imagebam.com/image/385f8889403933
http://www.imagebam.com/image/396df389403940

73 (DrAgan Lekic, Serbia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SIKKIM. 4835.3, AIR Gangtok is off frequency due to problem in synthesizer unit. Sarathi spoke to the station engineer on Jul 07, expected to be rectified by this week (Alokesh Gupta and Partha Sarathi, Siliguri, West Bengal, India, ibid.) It was further off, 4837.3 as in DXLD 10-28, and above under INDIA (gh)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5019.97, SIBC, Honiara, 0805, Jun 30, talk, S over 10 dB + since the power change I never heard them so strong under splash conditions with Cuba on 5025. Lots of QRM here (Jennifer Weinbrunn, Denver, CO, U. S. A., DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

Also heard 1023-1042, Jun 26, DJ program in English, 35433-25432. The reception was accompanied by fast-periodic fading (Nobuya Kato, Fujisawa-city, Kanagawa, Japan, on a DX-pedition to Katsurashima, a small island located in the bay of Matsushima, near Sendai, Northeast of Japan and approx. 350 kilometers from Tokyo. He brought his AOR AR-7030 and put up a 20 metres long, outdoor longwire, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via DXLD)

5019.90, SIBC, 1000 hammered by Havana [5025] each morning (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, US, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, July 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA [non]. 9840, R Huryaal, via Dhabbaya, United Arab Emirates (250 kW / 215 degrees), Sa-Th 1730-1800 to East Africa is still on air, but since Jun 25 they have an additional broadcast via Meyerton, South Africa (100 kW / 030 degrees) on Fr 1730-1800 (Ivo Ivanov via Bueschel and Jaisakthivel, Jul 07, DSWCI DX Window July 14 via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. QSLs: Clandestine --- RADIO BAR-KULAN, Meyerton, 9960 kHz, Lettera QSL in 72 giorni. No RP. QTH: Sentech Ltd. - P. O. Box 234 - Meyerton 1960 (Sud Africa). V/s: Sikander Hoosen - HF Coverage Planning - Operations & Maintenance. Inviato CD MP3 (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 9610, AWR English via Meyerton new time 1830-1900 (ex 1800-1830 UT) to Ce&EaAF target (AWR, July 25 via BC-DX via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. AUSTRIA/GERMANY, 6110, TOM, US religious program at 1300-1500 via Wertachtal site; but 1500-1600 UT via Moosbrunn-ORS Austria site (MBR July 21, via BC-DX July 25 via DXLD)

GERMANY. MBR changes:
Brother Stair/The Overcomer Ministries (TOM) in English:
1300-1500 on 6110 WER 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu, from July 21
1500-1600 on 6110 MOS 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu, ex 1400-1600
1400-1600 on 13810 NAU 100 kW / 127 deg to N/ME
1500-1600 on 17485 WER 100 kW / 160 deg to CeAf
1800-2000 on 9895 WER 500 kW / non-dir to N/ME, from July 26
1900-2000 on 9895 WER 500 kW / non-dir to N/ME, only July 23-25
1900-2000 on 7425 WER 100 kW / 120 deg to N/ME
1900-2100 on 6155 WER 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, July 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

USA [non] Stumbled upon Brother Stair's Overcomer Ministry today (26 July) on a new frequency of 9895 via Germany. New schedule from 26 July on this frequency from 1800-2000. Frequency may already have been active for a few days from 1900-2000. AOKI already has it (how do they do it!) showing via Wertachtal. Strong signal here. According to Brother Stair its "five hundred thousand watts will cover a third of the planet". No escape then! (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. GERMANY(non) Some Media Broadcast MBR changes: New schedule of Brother Stair /TOM/ in English:
1300-1500 on 6110 WER 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu, new, but really not active
1400-1600 on 13810 NAU 100 kW / 127 deg to SEEu
1500-1600 on 6110 MOS 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu, ex 1400-1600
1500-1600 on 17485 WER 100 kW / 160 deg to CSAf
1800-2000 on 9895 WER 500 kW / non-dir to N/ME, new
1900-2000 on 7425 WER 100 kW / 120 deg to N/ME, new
1900-2100 on 6155 WER 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu, new
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 26 July via DXLD)

** SPAIN. LAS CADENAS RECHAZAN UN CAMBIO ABRUPTO HACIA LO DIGITAL
   ROSARIO G. G”MEZ - Madrid - 23/07/2010

La televisiÛn viviÛ el pasado abril el cambio tecnolÛgico m·s radical de sus 50 aÒos de historia: el fin de las emisiones analÛgicas y el paso al sistema digital. Ahora le toca el turno a la radio. El Gobierno tiene aÒo y medio de plazo para elaborar un plan tÈcnico destinado a que todas las emisoras (de onda media o FM) se digitalicen.

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Apagar la radio analÛgica exige poner de acuerdo a los fabricantes de receptores (los actuales no servirÌan), a los operadores y a los oyentes. "No es un problema de tecnologÌa, sino de industria", asegurÛ ayer el presidente de la AsociaciÛn EspaÒola de RadiodifusiÛn Comercial (AERC) y director general de la cadena SER, Ra˙l RodrÌguez. De hecho, doce cadenas (entre ellas las grandes del sector, como la SER, Cope, Onda Cero y RNE) emiten en digital desde hace 10 aÒos sin que pr·cticamente nadie las oiga. "Con el coste que ello supone y sin tener ning˙n tipo de retorno", apunta.

En el caso de que el Gobierno decretara un apagÛn analÛgico en las ondas, las radios comerciales reclaman que se respeten los derechos de los actuales concesionarios (que reciban frecuencias) y que la transiciÛn hacia la tecnologÌa digital se haga "de manera ordenada".

La radio comercial aprovechÛ ayer su asamblea anual para reclamar al Gobierno central y a las comunidades autÛnomas el "cierre inmediato" de las emisoras ilegales (alrededor de 3.000). "Es una autÈntica lacra. Se han presentado denuncias, pero los resultados son pobrÌsimos", argumenta RodrÌguez. El Ministerio de Industria confeccionar· un mapa de las radios piratas para cerrarlas, pero las Administraciones involucradas se pasan la pelota sin resolver el problema. Con casi 24 millones de oyentes, la radio es el medio (junto a Internet) que menos ha sufrido la crisis publicitaria. Los anuncios cayeron un 16,3% en 2009 y para este aÒo se espera un retroceso del 2%.

http://www.elpais.com/articulo/Pantallas/radio/quiere/apagon/elpepirtv/20100723elpepirtv_2/Tes?print=1
(JosÈ Bueno, CÛrdoba, EspaÒa, July 24, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

** SPAIN [non]. 15170, REE, Monday July 26 at 1242 expected to hear token news in Catalan, but music fill instead, // 5970. Wonder if COSTA RICA lost feed from Spain, but 17595 not audible yet to compare. However, at 1246 Galician was on, so the lost feed was from Barcelona to Madrid (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 7190.064, SLBC (presumed), 1225, Tamil (listed), subcontinental music, brief talk by a man, audio abruptly cut at 1230

and open carrier, off at 1233. Very weak, only peaking at S7. 19 July (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. 7200, R. Omdurman (presumed) 1850 UT July 22, talks OM and YL, No ID heard but the transmission was in Arabic, After some time transmit African tribal music, with drums in the background and presume to be the same Omdurman, as R. Rossi starts broadcasting in Russian only at 1900. The signal was very poor and had to use a signal amplifier (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo ñ Barbacena ñ MG ñ Brasil, Receiver: Sangean ATS909, Antenna: Long Wire de 10 metros and OC signal amplifier, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SURINAME. 4990, Radio Apintie, 0944, talk by a Dutch woman, then comments by a man at 0946. Poor and just above the noise floor. 24 July (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [non]. Nueva frecuencia de Radio Taiw·n Internacional para EspaÒa a las 2000 UT en 9595 kHz sustituye a 3965 kHz.

Supongo, y es solo una suposiciÛn, que ya no es desde Issoudun pues no se ha producido el corte de emisiÛn a las habituales 2056 UT sino que ha continuado hasta las 2100, dando tiempo a escuchar el esquema completo de emisiones, cosa que nunca se escuchÛ desde el relay de Francia. Estoy averiguando ya con la emisora el lugar de transmisiÛn real. Cordialmente, Tom·s MÈndez
QTH: El Prat de Llobregat-Barcelona EspaÒa,
Coordenadas 41∫ 19' 26" N- 02∫05'25" E
RX: ICOM IC-PCR1500DSP + ICOM IC-R2.
ANT: L.W. exterior 10 mts. + Tuner Yaesu FRT-7700
http://www.amarantadx.net http://twitter.com/adxb1159
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, July 24, DXLD)

9595 at 20 had been YFR via Nauen, GERMANY (gh, DXLD)

** TAJIKISTAN. QSL: BIBLE VOICE, Yangi Yul, 7485 kHz, Cartolina QSL in 30 giorni. E-rpt con ID MP3 spedito a: mail @ biblevoice.org (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD)

** THAILAND. 6765.1-USB, Bangkok Meteo, 1203-1220+ Jul 19. Usual 3-language rotation of weather broadcasts, with IS between segments; one cycle (3 broadcasts, 3 IS), lasted about 18 minutes. Fair and about equal to // 8743-USB at tune-in but by 1220Z, 8743 was considerably better as 6765 was on the decline (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 60-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** TIBET. 7240 (Xizang Chinese channel), reported as silent, is not

so. Is and has been a regular at my location. The westerly beam of this one and 7385 gives good reception here (Olle Alm, Sweden, July 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No time

** TURKEY. 15450, V. of Turkey English to Europe and also USward, July 22 at 1235 is poor, but much better by 1307 when I am expecting to hear Live From Turkey on this Thursday, but instead only music fill until 1322 multi-lingual ID loop starts, but we only hear a few of them before switch to English sign-off at 1323, and IS from 1324. So is LFT kaput, or just no one available to do it during summer vacations? Or could it be because its main producer is gone?

I heard from Sheref Ishler recently saying that he is leaving VOT, and with a very strange request --- that I should delete all references to his full name previously published in DXLD --- it`s a VOT rule about ex-employees, including those who leave on good terms.

He did his duty by passing on the order, and I do my duty by ignoring it, since I am not subject to VOT`s control-the-foreign-press rules, rewriting history. Hmmm, sort of like denying genocide, but on a much smaller scale. Anyhow, we wish Sheref (with sedillas on both esses) the best on his post-VOT endeavours (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. 11655 noted today at 0900 s/on. Open carrier 0852-0856, then off and back just before program start of Stimme Russlands. A background buzz similar to 7440 indicates that this may well be Lviv as well. Fair to good signal, low modulation level. When Lviv was first used for high power transmission of the R Moscow midday German service in the 1970's, they were on 31 mb frequencies around 9745. Propagationally probably a better choice (Olle Alm, Sweden, July 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

With all recent talk of cuts there, pleased to hear RUI English, re sport, at 0745 UT on 11620 Friday 23 July. Some co-channel QRM (Derek Lynch, Ireland, July 23, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See LIBYA!

Radio Ukraine International has again introduced changes in its emissions in English and was heard with the program ìInsideî at 0725 hours on 11620 kHz although it had been announced that this frequency would be used for broadcasts in the Ukrainian language only (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, R. Bulgaria DX July 23 via Yimber GavirÌa, DXLD)

11620 Luch (listed) clean audio (good modulation) and fair to good signal, but has FMing spurs with strong buzz at about +/- 64 and 2 x 64 kHz.

11655 went off at 1000, and then I kept an ear on 7440. At 1007 a carrier appeared and then went on and off a few times before going silent. Again the background buzz points to Lviv. Same signal level as on 11655 (Olle Alm, Sweden, July 23, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes 11620 hefty QRM to RUI, Mykolaiev transmission a little bit ahead and LBY underneath, but both on S=9+20 dB level. LBY // 11650 kHz (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST

** U S A [non]. Re 10-29: Dear Glenn, please an item to the RFE/RL schedule (that program is existing for some years):
Azatluk Radio in Russian
Sundays UT 1335-1400 9465, 12005 and repeated:
Mondays UT 0135-0200 7215, 9750 - both instead of RL in Kazakh.
73s, (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, July 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Frequency change of R. Liberty, Russian from July 24:
1800-1900 NF 5990 BIB 100 kW / 063 deg, ex 6015 // 9520, 9840, 11805
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 26 July via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Frequency change for Voice of America in Tibetan:
1400-1500 NF 15425 LAM 100 kW / 077 deg M/W/F, ex 15605, re-ex 15330
1400-1500 NF 15605 LAM 100 kW / 077 deg T/T/S/S, ex 15425, re-ex 15330
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 26 July via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Re: ``UNIDENTIFIED. 12080, VOA English at 1252 July 21, poor. I first reported this almost two months ago, May 27, but none of the online lists yet show it at this time to determine the site, just Botswana until 0700, and S„o TomÈ starting at 1400.

Does VOA at least have the frequency, if not the site, on its schedule for English by now? O no, the page I have bookmarked for this, http://www1.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ_e.cfm now produces a 404, page cannot be found (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Hi Glenn, Note slight difference in the URL
http://author.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ_a.cfm
It just worked for me, albeit slowly. 73 (Kim Elliott, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Also outpointed by Alan Roe, UK

The e page there does show 1200-1300 on 12075 for ``English to Far East Asia, South Asia, and Oceania``. I sure thought I was getting it on 12080 but will have to recheck. 12075 IS listed elsewhere, unnecessarily switching from Iranawila to Tinang at 1230.

That part of the dial has parallax problems on the FRG-7, so I must nail down any frequencies with the YB-400. I am definitely tuned to 12075, July 22 at 1205, when there is a JBA carrier, and none on 12080. At 1229 there is a fast subaudible heterodyne, two carriers QRMing each other from slightly different frequencies, guess around 15 Hz. From 1230 I begin to hear some VOA English audio and it improves gradually, // and synchronized with Tinang on 9760; but the SAH is still there at 1236. Turn it off in Sri Lanka! (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWCR with Brother Scare, Saturday July 24 at 1903 on 12160 and 13845. Both very strong; while 12160 had clear audio, 13845 had crosstalk underneath from the same audio as something else on 15825. BS was playing a noisy clip of Keith Olbermann discussing the drawbax of dispersants, but when that finished I could confirm the crosstalk source. This completely unmatches the WWCR July pdf program schedule which shows World Wide Country Radio during this hour on 12160, and The University Network on 13845.

WORLD OF RADIO reconfirmed at 2330 Sunday July 25 on 9980. Also heard by HÈctor FrÌas in Chile who sent me a clip (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWCR FLOOD 2010 --- WWCR's antenna field, on the banks of the Cumberland River, was flooded on May 2nd, 2010. On May 1st, 2nd and 3rd over 15 inches of rain fell at WWCR. WWCR was "off-air" while power was restored and repairs were made to antennas. WWCR and sister-station WNQM-Nashville had all resumed operation by May 6th. Both stations (5 transmitters) returned to operation before the floodwaters had receded. http://www.wwcr.com/flood_page.html
(via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD) Five photos, two of which are pre-flood (gh)

** U S A [and non]. Eric Westenberger, General Manager:

I really enjoy tropical band DXing and recently came across WWCR #3 on 4840 kHz. It had the Power Hour Program with Joyce Riley which I really enjoy. However WWCR #3 is knocking out some really good South American/African/Pacific DX. The last time I looked at the ITU broadcast rules, WWCR is in violation of both the region of origin and power output. The WWCR website states there are broadcasting 0500-1200 and 0000-0500 on 4840 kHz using a 100 kW Continental Electronics 418E transmitter and 40 degree rhombic antenna and on 3215 kHz using again a 100 kW Continental Electronics 418E transmitter and 46 degree rhombic antenna. When did Nashville, Tennessee become a tropical country, falling between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn or exceed the 10 kW power limitation for these bands?

WWCR 1 and 3 is knocking out the following DX:
3210 KHz R.Mocambique,1600-0510
3215 KHz Fiangonana Loterana, 1630-1700, RRI Manado, 0800-1630 & 1800-2050 & 2050-0200, S-AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE, 1905-2005
3220 KHz HCJB QUITO, 0000-0300 & 0830-1300, KCBS Pyongyang, 2000-1800, PYONGYANG BS, 1800-2000, R. Morobe, 0700-1300 & 1900-2200
4835 KHz ABC Northern Territory, 2130-0830, AIR Gangtok, 0100-0415 & 1030-1600, R. Maranon, 1000-0300, R. Tezulutlan, 1030-1600 & 2030-0430
4840 KHz AIR Mumbai, 1230-1730 & 2355-0400
4845 KHz R. Cult. Ondas Tropicais, 0800-0200, R. Ibitinga-Ternura FM, 0800-0200, R. Kekchi, 1100-1700 & 2100-0300, R. Mauritanie, 0625-0800 & 1700-1800 & 1800-1830 & 1830-0100
THIS IS SEVETEEN STATIONS.

I understand the FCC gave the permission for these frequencies but this breaks our international agreements and may come back to harm the U.S. with others feeling like they too can break their agreements. Just because China and Russia does it, does not make it right for us to do it. Lets honor our agreements (pre-1950s) and change these frequencies to some other band for the B10 season. I would be happy to listen to WWCR on some other band. Let's see if F.W. Robbert Broadcasting Co., Inc. is really Christian. Respectfully, (Arthur Hernandez, Follower of Jesus Christ and SWL DXer, July 23, to WWCR, cc to DXLD)

Hi Art, Nice try, and will be interesting to see if and how they reply. I`m afraid the case is not as strong as you are making it, however.

As far as the US and the FCC are concerned, 3215 and 4840 are not in tropical broadcast bands which of course don`t apply to these latitudes. They are fixed bands, i.e. utility, for point to point or 2-way communications. The frequencies are just `out of band` used on a supposedly non-interference basis. No different from operating beyond the edges of the official higher SWBC bands.

QRM complaints are far more likely to come from fixed stations, in US or abroad, than from foreign tropical broadcasters, let alone their listeners. Sad, but true.

Also, some of the stations you cite are no longer on the air at all. The Guatemalans.

Others are using these low SW frequencies at times when any propagational collision with US stations is unlikely to impossible. SW frequencies can be shared without much problem in such cases.

In the grand scheme of things, we have no particular right to DX

tropical stations way outside their intended coverage areas. It would be nice if US stations would be more considerate, nevertheless.

I am not siding with the idea of US stations using such frequencies, but just trying to explain the reality of the situation. 73, (Glenn to Art, via DXLD)

Glenn: I finally found a copy of the latest ITU rules on the web (Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission). This document is based on the WRC 2003 & 2007 conferences. This document stated that all countries had to submit a band plan by 2010 with a conversion plan. The first thing I found was the 3200-3230 KHz and 4750-4850 KHz is for broadcasting and fixed services in all regions within the tropical zone of the ITU region map. The only exception to this rule I found was that the U.S., Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay can use the 3230-3400 KHz band for Radio Location Services on a secondary basis (WRC2003). They are also limited to 50 kW (I said it was 10 kW, was incorrect).

WWCR Nashville, Tennessee is not a Radio Location Service and is still outside the tropical zone for region 2. To add insult to the injury, they are running twice the power authorized in this band.

I got the 17 broadcast stations from the geocities web site you gave me and had no idea that the Guatemalan station (R. Kekchi) was closed down. Thanks for that information. [also R. Tezulutl·n; I try to point out to people going to Aoki list that the LA info includes long-gone stations -- gh]

So in basics I still feel like I was correct but then again I'm not a lawyer or politician. I still like some of the programming of WWCR and would gladly listen to them if they move to another band. Even 5070 would be fine since this would not interfere with legit tropical band broadcasters. I believe if they find it in their heart to change their frequency for the B10 season, this would allow them enough time to make the changes. That email was to bring up this subject prior to the HFCC B10 conference on August 2-6 in Switzerland. This would be a great conference to bring up the CODAR mess too and shift them into the old CW maritime bands where they belong. Your old friend, art (Art Hernandez, Nevada, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7490, WWCR is always extremely strong here, but July 24 at 1239 with gospel music, it was splattering 7460-7520, worst at 7470-7510 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7555, WEWN absent, Friday July 23 at 0516, just the FUG noise on the hi side. WEWN supposed to start Spanish at 0500, Tue-Sat with ``Paz a la luz de la luna,`` which is ``en vivo desde Miami``

altho the unctuous announcer always speaks the same old Catholic catch-phrases, and might as well be recorded once and played back forever. Still going on the other Spanish frequency 11870 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. WYFR Family Radio in Romanian, canceled from July 26; 1800-1900 on 9895 WER 100 kW / 105 deg to SEEu. Please check new 7330. 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, July 23, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. Some Media Broadcast MBR changes:
Frequency change of WYFR Family Radio in Romanian:
1800-1900 NF 7330 WER 100 kW / 105 deg to SEEu, ex 9895(see Brother Stair, SOUTH CAROLINA) (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 26 July via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. TWR LAUNCHES ENHANCED WEBSITE
   New Features Offer More Opportunities for Engagement

CARY, NC, July 26, 2010ñInternational Christian media ministry TWR announces the launch of a newly revitalized website to increase engagement and awareness of its global outreach. The user-friendly site (www.twr.org) offers an intuitive design and integration of the newest media platforms.

ìWhen people look at a website, it creates an impression, and I like the impression that the new site gives of TWR being a global ministry,î TWR President Lauren Libby says. ìIt also gives us the capability to do certain things, to be able to communicate directly via video and audio with not only our donor base but our constituency base, and weíre going to utilize every capability in there.î

New and enhanced features include the following:

MyTWR allows users to customize their experience with TWR. Once signed up, they can view news and global staff information right on the home page based on preferences they select. Users will be able to keep track of a particular missionary, area or other item of interest.

The Listen Now page features radio programming live online. Users are able to choose one of our partner links and listen to broadcasts from around the world or listen to recorded TWR programming online. They can download, view transcripts and search for specific topics or scripture references. On-demand content is also available through LinguaBlast, TWRís newest Web-based single-delivery platform.

The About TWR page showcases an interactive map where users can view TWR partners, program schedules, broadcast outlets and regional projects.

The Global Staff page lists profiles for numerous TWR staff members and features live world evangelism statuses, such as the number of people hearing and believing the gospel.

The Resources page offers both purchasable resources, such as Project Hannahís new book, ìWhen Hope Wins,î and free resources, such as TWRís annual ministry progress report.

The Serve page lists different short- and long-term positions with job descriptions and also discusses types of service.

The Get Involved page provides daily prayer requests, opportunities to give to TWR and an option for visitors to share their story of how TWR has made a lasting difference in their lives.

Visit the new website at http://www.twr.org
(TWR News Release via Alokesh Gupta, July 26, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. 15000, WWV, Fort Collins, 1812-1858, 22-07, cada dos minutos, coincidiendo con el minuto par, luego de la seÒal horaria, transmisiÛn del mensaje de prueba sobre alerta, excepto minuto 30, que se identifica la emisora. El mensaje, por locutor: "Your attention, please, RadioStation WWV is conducting a test of our emergency notification system, in event of really emergency, you will be instructed of the nature of the emergency, and giving additional information. This is only a test". WWVH, desde Hawaii [q.v.], no pudo ser captada a esta hora. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Escucha realizada en Reinante, costa del mar Cant·brico, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. "Pioneers & Engineers: The WUOT Story" airs Friday at noon

As part of its 60th anniversary celebrations, WUOT is proud to present "Pioneers & Engineers: The WUOT Story" tomorrow, July 23, from noon to 1 p.m. In this special documentary, producer Leslie Snow and executive producer Matt Shafer Powell blend the memories of staff and listeners to create a vocal history of the station, from its first broadcast to the present day.

If you can't listen to the program on the air tomorrow, you'll be able to listen online after 1 p.m. by visiting WUOT's website, http://wuot.org You'll also find a 60-year timeline of station events, audio from the station's first broadcast, a video of Snow talking about the project, photos of people who were interviewed for the documentary, and a quiz about the station's history. It's a lot of fun, so be sure to check it out! Thank you to all of WUOT's supporters for keeping WUOT strong for 60 years! (WUOT Knoxville TN July 22 via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. CARDINALS RADIO INTRIGUE HEATS UP: KMOX, WXOS MALIGN EACH OTHER'S FREQUENCIES --- by Dan Moore ï Jul 23, 2010 3:30 PM CDT

The Post-Dispatch has an article about the increasingly crowded fight for Cardinals radio coverage in 2011, and maybe the most amazing thing is how quickly the Cardinals' complicated move to KTRS is being pushed out the door. KTRS wasn't just a move away from KMOX ó it was a move toward a station the Cardinals bought specifically for this purpose. Now, some challengers approach:

"The best partnership would be with a sports station that specializes in sports and only sports, 365 days a year,'' said John Kijowski, who runs WXOS, the market's newest sports-talk station. "KMOX is a news-information station with some play-by-play.

"Being on FM is a strategic benefit for the Cardinals because they can grow their (younger) audience. Ours is a future play. ... Because 50 percent of men (age) 25-54 don't even go to the AM dial, it's not relevant to them.''

But John Sheehan, who oversees KMOX, said tradition as well as the massive reach of 1120 would appease those beyond the reach of the team's radio network who have been shut out of free coverage - many of whom are vocal.

"The KMOX signal is the only one in St. Louis that matches the fan's passion for Cardinals baseball,'' Sheehan said.

Man, age 25-54: "Hey, broóyou wanna listen to some Cardinals baseball?"

Other man: "Nah, man, AM is for geezers. What are you, some kind of geezer?"

Man: "Nice! Let's pound some brewskis and listen to FM Radio, the voice of our generation!"

Perhaps all the complaining about KTRS's weak signal has worn them down; for my part, it seems like I'm almost all the way into St. Louis from my hometown of Springfield, Illinois before I can change to KTRS from the local affiliate, whereas there were times when I was younger when KMOX came in stronger than the station that was broadcasting a few miles away from my house.

Whether it "matches [my] passion for Cardinals baseball" or notówell, I'm not sure how one converts watts to hours wasted watching Cardinals baseball, but 50,000 does seem like a good place to start (source? Via

Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

With the usual standard disclaimers about radio-locator, compare the daytime coverage maps for KTRS and KMOX --- ``local`` range is virtually identical, tnx to KTRS being at the low end of the dial, even tho 1/10 the power of KMOX. KTRS axually does better out to the fringe, reaching Chicago IL and Springfield MO, while KMOX does not. Of course, it`s a totally different story at night, when KTRS is direxional and subject to an unclear channel with QRM.

http://www.radio-locator.com/cgi-bin/pat?call=KTRS&service=AM&status=L&hours=D

http://www.radio-locator.com/cgi-bin/pat?call=KMOX&service=AM&status=L&hours=D
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. NPR'S FRESH AIR BANISHED BY MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC BROADCASTING

The MPB Radio network across the (Mississippi) river recently dropped NPR's Fresh Air from its schedule due to "content issues". I weighed in on my blog

http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com/2010/07/censorship-mississippi-public.html

The story via the Jackson (MS) Clarion-Ledger
http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20100721/NEWS/7210344/MPB-chief-Fresh-Air-dropped-for-explicit-sex-discussions

More from the Jackson Free Press (an alt-weekly in Jackson MS)
http://www.jacksonfreepress.com/index.php/site/comments/mpb_cancels_fresh_air_for_inappropriate_content_071510/

(Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, EM43aw
http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com http://www.twitter.com/KC5KBV July 22, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WNBD-LD 33 (NBC) Grenada MS to go live this fall

The Mississippi Delta region of Greenville/Greenwood MS will get a local NBC affiliate this fall. A news item via the WABG website (linked below) has a summary. I checked the FCC TV query for the details. Since WABG has FOX as a subchannel on "6-2" (ABC on "6-1") , the NBC station will a stand-alone.

The WNBD-LD 33 (COL: Grenada MS) transmitter will be at Inverness MS and appears to operate on the same antenna as WABG (the radiation pattern is a scaled down carbon copy) since it will operate on channel 33 (WABG transmits on 32).

WABG website item about WNBD-LD
http://www.wabg.com/NEWS07132010_NBC.htm

WNBD-LD info via FCC TV Query (including coverage map)
http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/tvq?list=0&facid=181137

(A DX note, What should be interesting is seeing how WNBD will interfere with DX reception of WCFT 33 Tuscaloosa AL.)
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(Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, EM43aw
http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com http://www.twitter.com/KC5KBV DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. VETERAN JOURNALIST DANIEL SCHORR DEAD AT 93
60+ year career as a print, radio and television journalist.
http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=128565997&sc=nl&cc=brk-20100723-1233
(Fred Waterer, July 23, ODXA yg via DXLD)

With Eric Sevareid, Walter Cronkite, and now Daniel Schorr gone, I guess all of Edward R. Murrow's "Murrows Boys" are pretty well gone. Real journalism will never be more informative, honest, and objective. I find myself fortunate to have lived in a time when news, especially TV news, prided itself on being more than just ratings driven (Mark Coady, ibid.)

What was amazing specifically about Daniel Schorr is his "second career" as an NPR pundit after his years at CBS. Even at age 93 he was still remarkably sharp-minded; his Saturday morning exchanges with Weekend Edition host Scott Simon were always thoughtful listening (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, ibid.)

** U S A. BCB DX LOGGINGS FROM
SHAWN M. AXELROD VE4DX1SMA
DX'ING FROM WINNIPEG MB CANADA
RECEIVERS: ICOM ICR?70 / DRAKE R8
ANTENNAE: 4 FOOT UNAMPLIFIED BOX LOOP / QUANTUM LOOP/
155 FOOT OUTDOOR WIRE / 100 FOOT INDOOR WIRE / MFJ 1026 PHASING UNIT
TIMES ARE EASTERN TIME ZONE FOR DOMESTIC / UTC FOR OVERSEAS

1710, Senior Radio, 07/21 0447 [UT = 0847], Poor signals fading in and out with Oldies music. I posted this as an UNID on the BCB propagation Logger and got an email from the station owner saying I had heard his station. He was most amazed I had picked him up. This is a Part 15 station or Low Powered AM station. NEW! (SA-MB)

COMMENTS This first new one in a very long time but it is a goodie for sure. Who says there is no DX in the summer. 73 Best of DX (Shawn

Axelrod VE4DX1SMA, Winnipeg MB, Grid square EN19kv, REMEMBER ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN HEAR FOREVER, 26 July, amfmtvdx at qth.net via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD)

A Senior Moment for Senior Radio --- no location for the station? ;-) (Saul Chernos, ibid.)

I received further info in regards to my 1710 catch. The station is in Edison NJ USA. Tony sent me the following info:

The transmitter is a Hamilton AM 1000 FCC Part 15 certified AM transmitter. The transmitter lives at the top of the 30 ft tower, runs on 15 volts DC at 250 mA. The audio and DC are fed to the transmitter from the house studio. No coax. TPO is = to 5 watts but the final stage only puts out 100 milliwatts. It has a h Q gain tank circuit. Gets out about 5 miles. But Skip WOW to Canada is unbelievable. It uses a CB 102" whip and only has a ground rod in the ground. I'm impressed. I'm on every weekend starting late Friday evening till Monday morning. Please record it next time you hear me. I'd like to hear it. Thanks. Tony

visit my website for more pictures and radio stuff.
http://www.tonydeeradio

This could make for a good target for you East Coast folks. 73 Best of DX (Shawn Axelrod, Winnipeg MB, ibid.) parallelly, elsewhere:

Shawn, Where is he located? How far from your QTH? (Fred Vobbe, W8HDU, NRC-AM via DXLD)

The only Senior Radio I get when going to google is in Edison, NJ (Northern NJ). Hmm. And it's run by a broadcast engineer. Part 15??? (Paul B. Walker, Jr., IL, ibid.)

You never know about these broadcast engineers. Some can be real enterprising, as I recall from some past 1710 stations that popped up from time to time. :) (Fred Vobbe, broadcast engineer, ibid.)

...and were heard and recorded some 1500 miles away <g> Regards, (Mark Durenberger, broadcast engineer, ibid.)

Tony used to be on this list at one point. I've never heard it here, and not for lack of trying, but I also can't hear WNAR-1620 about 12 miles away due to an external mixing spur. I'd have to believe it's a legit Part 15, but I'd also bet it's optimized to the limit (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA (360' ASL). [15 mi NNW of Philadelphia], ibid.)

Not trying to claim it was a pirate per se, but that a broadcast engineer can do some wonderful things with processing and a signal (Paul Walker, ibid.)

** U S A. One other note from this evening's travels: several years after the FCC revoked its license, the four towers of WOLY 1500 in Battle Creek still stand, and the studio building at 15074 6 1/2 Mile Road still has WOLY signage on it. There was even a newspaper in a bag hanging on the WOLY mailbox across the street. At 8:15 or so tonight, WOLY was definitely not on the air, but the building did not look particularly abandoned. s (Scott Fybush, July 25, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. More on Clear channel AM station Give away
from Dick Pache HR1/K2LCT in Tegucigalpa Honduras

also see attached Word doc.
http://www.clearchannel.com/Radio/PressRelease.aspx?PressReleaseID=2737

Clear Channel Donating Several AM Stations For Diversity Initiative
MMTC-Clear Channel Ownership Diversity Initiative will help train future minority and women owners

http://www.broadcastingcable.com/article/315957-Clear_Channel_Donating_Several_AM_Stations_For_Diversity_Initiative.php?rssid=20065
By John Eggerton -- Broadcasting & Cable, 7/21/2009 2:38:53 PM

A day after Obama administration official Susan Crawford said the administration recognized the importance of broadcasting, and in particular radio, to minority audiences, Clear Channel announced that it was donating several AM radio stations to a project that will train future minority and women owners.

In an announcement at the Minority Media & Telecommunications Council (MMTC) access to capital conference in Washington Tuesday, the company said it was donating the stations to MMTC and partnering with it on the MMTC-Clear Channel Ownership Diversity Initiative.

Clear Channel will donate KYHN Fort Smith, AR; WTFX Winchester, VA; KMFX Rochester, MN; and WHJA Laurel, MS, to the project.

The National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation's Broadcast Leadership Training Program will then team up with MMTC to use the stations as a training facility for future station operators.

Boosting minority ownership and broadcast diversity are among the stated goals of both the Obama administration and its new chairman, Julius Genachowski.

CLEAR CHANNEL RADIO DONATES TWO NEW STATIONS TO MINORITY MEDIA AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL

Two of Four Original Stations Donated by Clear Channel Awarded to Minority, Female Broadcasters by MMTC

Clear Channel Radio Donates Two New Stations to Minority Media and Telecommunications CouncilSAN ANTONIO and WASHINGTON - July 20, 2010 - Clear Channel Radio will donate two additional stations to the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC) through the MMTC-Clear Channel Ownership Diversity Initiative, an ongoing program to expand ownership and training opportunities for minorities, women, and other underserved groups. Also today, Clear Channel and the MMTC announced that two of four AM stations previously donated to MMTC along with other equipment will be re-launched with new minority operators and executives. The rigorous screening process, determined by the MMTC, focused on candidates who could best serve their respective communities.

"By donating these two additional stations, we're helping to create more opportunities for those who want to excel in the radio industry," said John Hogan, President and CEO of Clear Channel Radio.

The two newly donated channels are:
. KFXN-AM, Minneapolis, MN
. WTOC-AM, Newton, NJ, Sussex County

Last year at MMTC's conference, the company donated a transmitter to the MMTC, as well as four AM stations: WHJA AM (Laurel, MS), KYHN (Fort Smith, AK [sic]), KYFX (Wabasha, MN), and WYNF AM (North Augusta, SC).

WHJA-AM and WYNF-AM Awards Near Completion

WYNF-AM has been awarded to Shannon Renee deMedicis of Medici Media, Inc., and WHJA-AM was awarded to Jeffrey Hedgemon, CEO of Full Spectrum Broadcasting. The MMTC is now working with Renee deMedicis on WYNF and Jeffrey Hedgemon on WHJA. Pending financing and final diligence, the stations will be operated under LMAs.

"Shannon and Jeffrey have demonstrated exceptional work and decades of experience in media and broadcasting," said David Honig, President and Executive Director of MMTC. "We're confident that, with the resources provided by Clear Channel Radio and MMTC's cooperation with the NAB Education Foundation, we can further support Shannon and Jeffrey so that they can provide a meaningful resource for news and entertainment to their communities. We're excited to continue our work with Clear

Channel to progress diversity in broadcasting."

Shannon Renee deMedicis is Owner and President of Medici Media, Inc. She brings nearly 25 years of advertising and broadcast experience to her new responsibilities at WHJA-AM. Her past experience includes radio sales for companies like Billboard as well as several local radio stations in Georgia. Shannon also served as the LMA Operator for WNRR 1230 AM in August, Ga.

Jeffrey Hedgemon serves as President/CEO of Full Spectrum Broadcasting and has 40 years of experience in broadcasting. He began his broadcasting career in 1970 at WXOK AM in Baton Rouge, La., as a part-time radio announcer while in high school. During his career, Jeffrey has worked on-air as well as in programming, production and sales and corporate management.

About Minority Media and Telecommunications Council

The Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC) is nonpartisan and nonprofit, having been organized under IRS Section 501(c)(3) and is fully committed to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and civil rights in the mass media and telecommunications industries. MMTC is governed by a 17-member board of directors, which receives policy advice from a 30 member Board of Advisors. Approximately one third of the membership of the Board of Directors and one third of the membership of the Board of Advisors is elected each year by MMTC's membership. Terms of office are three years.

MMTC strongly believes that the breathtaking changes in communications technology and the new global forms of media partnerships must enhance diversity in the 21st century.

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** U S A. KVTT-AM 1110 Ends Short Gospel Huxter Era, POVTS Not OTA In DFW --- Glenn, I was researching for which stations in Arkansas that still carried the Point Of View Talk Show (POVTS) religious-political talk show. The show's website http://www.pointofview.net had no station list active, but on its homepage in a banner-flash was an announcement that POVTS was no longer on KVTT and that the station was off the air as of June 12:
http://www.pointofview.net/site/PageServer?pagename=DFW_special_announcement

Well it turns out that KVTT had returned to the air as a country station per Wikipedia as a 'classic country' station. I also found this article via DFW.com
http://www.dfw.com/2010/07/08/303554/christian-station-kvtt-signing.html although the writer of that blog Robert Philpot made a huge mistake of stating that KVTT had been on the air 34 years! He counted the time that KVTT was an FM station before moving to a daytime AM signal for less than a year.

Perhaps I should give my own commentary on POVTS; it was one of the first such shows I recall hearing with fundamentalist / conservative "Christianity" and conservative politics joined at the hip. When I was "DXing" on a car radio back in 1983, I heard "Point Of View" via now WCRV 640 (Collierville) Memphis. KAAY 1090 which had dumped oldies music in 1985 started carrying POVTS. I listened occasionally and remember the paranoid worldview by some of the guests, as well as the show's host, (the late) Marlin Maddoux.

Often Maddoux would repeat some of the noxious "urban legends" as fact --- such as the "Donahue / Church Of Satan" hoax, which were harder to verify in the pre-Web era. It was because of such unchecked and false information, that I started to question the religious "media". Many of POVTS` guests were hawking books attacking rock music, abortion, Saturday morning cartoons -- especially The Smurfs --, secular humanism, evolution, and LGBT folk. This even pre-dated Rush Limbaugh's ascent onto the national stage and the boom of big-time conservative talk.

The problem is that ironically, "Point Of View" is facing the problem that Phil Donahue (whom Maddoux often was with odds with philosophically) faced with his daytime TV show a sesquidecade ago: a glut of, and derivatives of a genre of shows (in this case conservative talk). There's AFR and their huge FM network and religious talk, Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, even such D-listers such as G

Gordon Liddy, Michael Medved, Alex Jones, and even from IRN-USA radio network itself via "News And Views" with Larry Bates and his son Chuck. The popular conservative talk shows get the best signals (FM, and/or high powered AM), and the lesser lights in conservative talk are relegated to also-ran signals often on daytime-only AM stations.
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(Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, EM43aw
http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com http://www.twitter.com/KC5KBV
July 27, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Regional tropo conditions often kick in after local midnight, so I tuned around July 22 at 0504 UT. How about Woodward OK on RF 34 and 35? Aim antenna west, and instead I get a decode on ch 34 labeled KPBI-DT.

Where`s that? Opposite direxion, from east so aimed there, perfect reception from new station in Eureka Springs AR, which is right next to MO, not far from Branson. It`s Alfred Hitchcock B&W from RTV, but NOT // Hitchcock episode on local KXOK-31/32.

FCC TV Query shows KPBI only as a CP, so did it just come on air?
http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/tvq?list=0&facid=81593
Shows 1000 kW. Plus, on 34-2, KXUN with UnivisiÛn. The real KXUN, is KXUN-LP, licensed to channel 43 in Ft Smith AR, with 5.8 kW. So is it still on there in analog, plus this DTV virtual channel relay further north?

Unseen here either, but the only licensed KPBI per FCC TV Query is:
``KPBI-CA 46 CA LIC FORT SMITH AR US BLTTL-20020220AAQ - 52429  32. kW 0. m FT. SMITH 46 , INC., DEBTOR IN POSSESSION``
RF 34 was gone by 0615 UT.

I was also getting UnivisiÛn on analog 25 from the same direxion, same novela but a few sex apart, which must be KUTU-CA in Tulsa OK, per W9WI.com, 5.06 kW ERP [continued under OKLAHOMA] (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re my previous report of KPBI-DT 34 in Eureka Springs AR, it`s not new at all, despite FCC TV Query showing it only as a CP. So much for relying on official FCC info (gh) Viz.:

Glenn, KPBI-DT *34* Eureka Springs AR (PSIP and actual) has been on the air for nearly a year. It went silent June 12, 2009 because it had to flash cut but did not have its DTV facility ready.

Did you try channel 50 for KNWA-DT 50 ("51-1", "51-2" PSIP) Rogers AR which transmits from that same area.

Interesting, although the COL for KPBI is Eureka Springs, Eureka Springs is actually in the Springfield MO TV market. Neither KNWA, nor KPBI were carried on COX cable in ES as of last November. KPBI was previously a MyNetwork TV affiliate for NW Arkansas but that service has gone over to a subchannel of KFSM-DT 18 ("5-2"). (Fritze H Prentice Jr in Star City AR, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Did you mean to say KPBI ``has been OFF the air for nearly a year``? You go on to say it went silent June 12 of last year, not that it came back, or just implying that it was off for one month or so?

Did not look for Rogers 50, as we have KOPX OKC on there. I believe I got them some years ago on 51 (Glenn to Fritze, via DXLD)

KPBI 34 Eureka Springs AR went silent on June 12, 2009 (as an analog) and reactivated as a digital station (KPBI had no companion // DTV channel) in early August 2009. I logged KPBI 34 as a DTV on August 25, 2009. I blogged about this via DFLCA (with a screenshot)

http://tvdxseark.blogspot.com/2009/08/another-new-dtv-log-for-augustkpbi-dt.html.

I hope this clears things up Glenn, that was a fantastic catch from Enid (OK). (Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** URUGUAY. 6045-U, CXA61 R. SarandÌ, Montevideo. Fernando Gopar me informa que est·n al aire en 6045 pero temporalmente sin el amplificador ya que se agotÛ una v·lvula y est·n esperando el repuesto. Me mantendr·n informado de la situaciÛn del amplificador final. Actualmente, no la escucho desde mi QTH, posiblemente con seÒal por debajo del piso de ruido (Horacio Nigro - Uruguay, Jul 21)

--- Latest info from Uruguay, 6045-USB, CXA61 R. SarandÌ, Montevideo. According to Fernando Gopar, stn's technician, they are on the air, but without the amplifier because of an exhausted tube. They are waiting for a spare one, and will keep me informed on the ongoing status. As a reminder they were operating with 300 W on USB, feeding an Inverted Vee, 24H sked. Currently unheard at my QTH due to a high QRN level at mi Listening Post (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, July 21, condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD)

** VATICAN [and non]. 9645, Friday July 23 at 0515 with ``Turn Your Radio On`` song in English, then into Scandinavian language as scheduled. Perhaps this introduced a DX report, but could not make out any DX content as the YL announced. Plus usual het from always off-frequency R. Bandeirantes, Brasil on the hi side; and probably WYFR 9715/9680 leapfrog mixing product.

9830, VR via CANADA, July 24 at 1200 with a Jesus story running past hourtop without break in programming or transmission, but 1201 into next show, still in Spanish instead of scheduled English, ``AmÈrica Latina en la voz de sus pastores`` about El Salvador. How many countries can claim to be named for a 2000-year-old sectarian religious figure`s nickname? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA. REVELAN QUE CH¡VEZ FINANCIA RADIOS DE LA GUERRILLA COLOMBIANA

Desde la frecuencia 96.7 en el Estado Zulia, que limita con Norte de Santander, transmite la Radio del ELN, seg˙n informÛ el diario colombiano El Tiempo. La emisora se llama Antorcha EstÈreo y se autopromociona como "la voz del frente urbano Carlos Germ·n Velasco Villamizar".

Seg˙n el medio colombiano, sus locutores se cuidan de dar la hora colombiana y la venezolana, para que ning˙n oyente en los distintos lados de la frontera pierda la nociÛn del tiempo "guerrillero"

Bogot· la sit˙a en una zona de Venezuela que est· ubicada exactamente al frente del municipio colombiano de Ragonvalia. La seÒal de Antorcha transmite desde una emisora comunitaria, 96.7 PDVSA FM, una radio que recibe fondos estatales venezolanos.

Colombia documentÛ que las FARC tambiÈn tienen su propia programaciÛn desde el norte de Venezuela y que se oye en el Cesar y La Guajira.

Jes˙s Santrich

Esa radio est· manejada por Jes˙s Santrich, uno de los miembros del Estado Mayor de las FARC. Se llama Resistencia Caribe. La inteligencia colombiana cree que trasmite cerca del propio campamento, locaciones que se dieron a conocer en la sesiÛn extraordinaria de la OEA donde Colombia presentÛ sus pruebas.

Bogot· asegura que en Venezuela hay m·s de 1.500 guerrilleros apostados en m·s de 39 campamentos clandestinos.

Fuente:
http://www.terra.com.pe/noticias/noticias/act2438261/revelan-que-chavez-financia-radios-guerrilla-colombiana.html
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [non]. After a revival last week, ``AlÛ, Presidente`` gone again, Sunday July 25 at 1815 check, nothing via Cuba on 12010 (but splash from Greenville 12015), nor on 13750, and on 17750 only WYFR (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA. RNV ACTIVAR¡ UNA MILICIA COMUNICACIONAL DE LA MANO DE LAS USUARIAS Y USUARIOS

"Este aÒo inauguraremos una emisora en el estado Lara", confirmÛ la comunicadora --- Credito: Yoset Montes [caption]

Radio Nacional de Venezuela arribÛ a 74 aniversario y su presidenta, Helena Salcedo, se propone que un ejÈrcito de radioescuchas, trabajadoras y trabajadores hagan contralorÌa a la programaciÛn

26 julio 2010 - Desde este lunes y hasta el 1 de agosto, Radio Nacional de Venezuela (RNV) celebra que se ha mantenido al aire durante 74 aÒos. La periodista Helena Salcedo, tiene casi ocho al frente de la emisora, tiempo en el que ha podido mantener la continuidad de los proyectos, ir resolviendo los problemas de la emisora y dar la batalla ante la ofensiva comunicacional imperial.

Entre los nuevos retos que se plantea Salcedo, est· el de ìconectarî a las usuarias y usuarios con la emisora. Por ello este jueves, a las 4:00 pm en la sala C del Celarg, se har· el lanzamiento de la Milicia Comunicacional, en el que participaran trabajadoras y trabajadores de la radio, colectivos, usuarias y usuarios para que hagan contralorÌa a RNV. . . [m·s] Fuente: http://bit.ly/cDmvNH
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD) Nothing about SW

** VENEZUELA. Re 10-29: CHAVEZ GOVERNMENT TAKES STAKE IN THE NETWORK. Posted: 26 Jul 2010

Variety, 25 July 2010, Anna Marie de la Fuente: "In yet another twist in the ongoing saga at beleaguered Venezuelan news web GlobovisiÛn, President Hugo Ch·vez declared Tuesday that his government was claiming a stake in the opposition-leaning web [television network]. Ch·vez is appropriating the 25.8% held by banker Nelson Mezerhane, who fled the country in May after the government seized his Banco Federal.

... GlobovisiÛn, which reaches 42% of the country, is the last remaining voice of dissent on Venezuela's free-to-air TV airwaves. RCTV, the oldest web in Venezuela, was relegated to cable and satellite in 2007 after the state refused to renew its terrestrial broadcasting license for its alleged support of Ch·vez's detractors." (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 700 kHz, Polisario Front, Tindouf, ALGERIA, 2107- 22 Jul'10, Arabic, speech, talks; 55444. 1550 off yesterday, 21/7, and has been off on 6297 for quite a number of days. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, July 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CLANDESTINE, 1550, Polisario Front, back on this frequency on 24/7 (had been on 700, their other MF outlet). (Carlos GonÁalves - PORTUGAL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1550, Polisario Front, Tindouf, ALGERIA, off again as check y/day, 26/7, and no appearance on the "backup" frequency (Tindouf too?) of 700; \\ 6297 remains off. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, 27/7, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. QSLs: Clandestine --- RADIO DIALOGUE, Meyerton, 4895 kHz, Lettera QSL in 72 giorni. No RP. QTH: Sentech Ltd. - P.O. Box 234 - Meyerton 1960 (Sud Africa). V/s: Sikander Hoosen - HF Coverage Planning - Operations & Maintenance. Inviato CD MP3 (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, playdx yg via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [and non]. FORMER ZIMBABWE MINISTER CLAIMS VOA STUDIO 7 BREAKS ITU RULES

Professor Jonathan Moyo, who was Minister of Information in Zimbabwe from 2000-2005, claims that VOA Studio 7 is operating illegally from Botswana, in contravention of the rules of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Writing in the pro-Zanu (PF) newspaper The Herald, Professor Moyo says ìStudio 7 is illegally broadcasting on a medium wave frequency which the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has allocated to the sovereign Republic of Zimbabwe in accordance with the applicable international treaties and protocols. In other words, the Voice of America which broadcasts Studio 7 is squatting on a frequency that the ITU has set aside for Zimbabweís national use.î

Professor Moyo continues: ìThe fact that Studio 7 uses a medium wave frequency reserved for Zimbabwe via medium wave transmitters in Botswana means it has illegal national coverage within our territorial boundaries. This is why it is a pirate station; it is broadcasting in blatant violation of both Zimbabwean law and international law as governed by the ITU.î (Source: The Herald) July 27th, 2010 - 10:54 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

2 Comments on ìFormer Zimbabwe minister claims VOA Studio 7 breaks ITU rulesî

#1 ruud on Jul 27th, 2010 at 14:03
This professor can claim that the Botswana station is a pirate, but let us face facts. The Zimbabwe government is a pirate government, disrespecting all humanitary laws, leaving his country and people in shambles.

#2 Glenn Hauser on Jul 27th, 2010 at 21:17
But does the ITU really allocate/reserve MW frequencies like this for specific countries? Cite source, please. And if so, was it ex-post-facto, after the VOA operation started from Botswana (MN blog comments via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 3230, 0140, July 26, Big carrier noted during bandscan; same on 3255 & 3345; all Meyerton frequencies; transmitter tests perhaps? (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200" Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 3915: Sunday July 25 I noted a station with nonstop pop music from 1935 until 2000 UT. Only a short break for announcement at 1935 and at 2000. The station was only audible in USB due to strong noise in the neighborhood. The station was too weak at 2000 to get an ID. The program matches those reported earlier for Radio Fly. The signal was strongest on my Flag in 30 degrees but also audible on the Flag in 120 degrees. From 2100 BBC Singapore was totally dominating.

Also 3905 tent New Ireland was heard at the same time but weaker. Normally Papua stations fade out at about 2000 UTC here. 73 (Thomas Nilsson, ƒngelholm, Sweden, July 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4780, UnID on Guatemala Radio Cultural Coat·n frequency, 1000 to 1105 in June over three day period, religious programme in espaÒol. Nothing heard since (Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, US, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, July 24, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see BOLIVIA, R. Libre

UNIDENTIFIED. 5010, 1218-1240+ Jul 24. Arabic or sub-continental music to 1224, then YL talk to BoH; man from 1230-1235 (news?), then YL again; could not determine language. Probably AIR but no other sub-continental sigs heard that morning and have never gotten audio on 5010 before; not heard on subsequent mornings (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 60-foot RW, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9485.5, approx., Spanish 2-way SSB, detectable July 23 at 1348, much too close to WTWW 9479 splash (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11785, WHRA, World Harvest Radio, 1900, AH, NAm, dos personas en idioma oriental, seg˙n listado se tratarÌa de "Am·rico" levemente interferido por otra emisora con m˙sica nonstop, Sinpo: 43233 (HÈctor FrÌas, Chile, no date or day of week, Japan Premium July 25, via DXLD)

WHRA no longer exists. Where is this listed, with Amharic?? What day of week? If you were really hearing WHRI, there is nothing but ``Harvest Show`` (in English) now shown 7 days a week at 19-20 on 11785 WHRI-6 according to
http://www.whr.org/customcf/dsp_schedule_read.cfm?Search=Angel6
but that does not mean it is even on the air; in fact more likely not to be if they have no paid programming, only their own fill show running on the webcast.

Really on 11785 at 19 are RFA in Chinese via TINIAN, which of course requires ChiCom jamming, probably CNR1 mixing or dominating. Of even Firedrake if it was really nonstop music; nothing to do with Ethiopia or South Carolina (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15385.2, UNKNOWN, 1914ñ1915, 7/24/10. Very badly modulated signal with woman speaker in difficult to identify language (probably Spanish or Portuguese). Abruptly off at 1915. KJES is listed on this frequency at this time through 2000, maybe them with transmitter problems? (Mark Taylor, WI, R-75, Winradio g313e, Eton E1, Satllit 800, Kaito 1103; 2 Flextennas, EWE, attic mounted Flextenna, NASWA Flashsheeet via DXLD)

They always have transmitter problems; irregular, and usually with very low modulation. Will have to check if this one is off-frequency (gh, DXLD)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Hope you continue your work. I had about given up on shortwave. Thanks (Michael Hyder with a contribution via Paypal to woradio at yahoo.com)

Glenn, keep it up! WOR is the only DX program I listen to now (Tim Hendel, AL, with a check in the mail to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702)

Both acknowledged at midpoint of WORLD OF RADIO 1523 (gh)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
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XVI TAMAZUNCHALE 2010: XVI ENCUENTRO NACIONAL DE DIEXISMO MEXICANO

http://encuentrodx.webs.com/

La inivitaciÛn a comer zacahuil huasteco,
http://www.mexicodesconocido.com.mx/notas/8160-Zacahuil
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algunos el "jobito" Bevanda Tipica, las enchiladas huastecas...
tortillas tÌpica de San Luis de PotosÌ
http://www.elsiglodetorreon.com.mx/noticia/80209.la-receta-de-el-siglo-enchiladas-huastecas.html
El huapango... musica tipica Potosina
La Huasteca Potosina!...
en Tamazunchale 2010!!!!!

16∫ Encuentro Nacional de Radioescuchas y Diexistas, Tamazunchale, San Luis PotosÌ

Un evento destinado a reunir a todos los interesados sobre el mundo de la Radioescucha, el Diexismo, la RadioaficiÛn y el Mundo de las Radiotelecomunicaciones, en un ambiente de camaraderÌa y aventura. Ahora nos disponemos a visitar y disfrutar la fascinante regiÛn de la Huasteca Potosina.

Fecha: 31 Julio al 2 Agosto 2010, en las Instalaciones de la C·mara Nacional de Comercio, Tamazunchale, S.L.P.
http://encuentrodx.webs.com/contacto.htm
Confirma tu participaciÛn a los correos: rura43@yahoo.com.mx o rura43 @ hotmail.com
Magdiel Cruz Rodriguez
(via Dario Monferini, 24 July, playdx yg via DXLD)

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BARGAIN BOOKS ON TELEVISION

While things are quiet - a suggestion about a VERY low-cost set of books dealing with television. Start with http://www.abebooks.co.uk (do not panic - it will all turn into USA stuff). Now enter "The Boy Who Invented Television" and see how for Bp 0. 65 + a modest shipping charge is the full cost. The same book (detailing how Philo Farnsworth "invented" television - a worthy read) from Amazon.com is US$16.95 new/ $9.89 second hand. Bp0.65 is the same as US$1.00 and the shipping charge is under US$3.00.

Now enter "Television's Unforgettable Moments" - also Bp 0.65 which includes a brand new, unused DVD of around 160 minutes of the "Best of Lucy" to Neil Armstrong setting foot on the moon; one buck! Now enter "Television" under subject heading and you will be rewarded with hundreds (indeed thousands) of Bp 0.65 books - the first time I did this ended up clicking on (to order) 20 before I found sanity!

There is a delightful resource here for those who enjoy reading, and quality text about our mutual favorite subject - "television." Oh yes - there are a number (5 I believe) of books built around Philo Farnsworth's "discovery" of television and his legal battles with RCA (which he won) but none is as complete as Paul Schatzkin's version identified here. And the balance of the site is all "frosting" on a abundant cake (Bob Cooper in New Zealand, July 25, WTFDA via DXLD)

Where can I check historical station info?

I'm going through my FM logbook, and notice quite a few stations heard over 30+ years don't exist anymore. Or have perhaps moved towns or switched frequencies.

I'm finding FCCInfo.com, maintained by Cavell Mertz, helpful in some cases. But for instance it had nothing on WLMS 88.3 Lecanto FL, which closed down in 2008 - I found info on that at Wikipedia. Or on KDEI 88.3 Alexandria LA. Those calls are now used by an AM in TX, and I have not yet found any info on the Alexandria one.

http://www.fccinfo.com/cmdpro.php?sz=L&wd=1280

I'm doing this in part because I'm wanting to work out accurate station totals. If a station maintains the same owner but moves to a neighbouring town or changs calls, it's not a new station in my estimation. If it changes frequency, it is new. If it moves a significant enough distance, it is also new.

Any sites I should be checking, besides the one above? (Saul Chernos, Ont., 27 July, WTFDA via DXLD)

HTTP://WWW.AMLOGBOOK.COM has all the Vane Jones logbooks available on line. There is also a link to BROADCASTING YEARBOOKS. You can research forever (Lee J Freshwater, Ocala, FL, IRCA EDXR /AWARDS & REPRINT SERVICE, http://www.amlogbook.com http://www.bgs.cc ibid.)

http://www.recnet.com has a BROADCAST section that lets you go after anything current or obsolete. Both your listed stations are there, and the catch is that FCC slaps a D on the front to indicate they were deleted. Shame we can't have a DFCC, isn't it? (Mike Hawkins, ibid.)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS
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PLT INTERFERENCE VIDEOS

Nige G7CNF has posted a couple of YouTube videos showing the pollution

caused by PLT devices. As well as HF, the VHF 70 MHz band is rendered unusable:

Watch - 4m Interference Ofcom Says Acceptable
Watch - Ofcom Closed Spectrum Abuse Complaint (PLT interference)

New EMC (electromagnetic compatibility) forum goes live!
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/may2010/new_emc_forum.htm

UKQRM is a group fighting this radio interference
http://www.ukqrm.org/

Join the Yahoo discussion group at
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ukqrm/

(Southgate
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/july2010/plt_interference_videos.htm
via Mike Terry, UK, dxldyg via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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DEAF, BLIND DXERS

Curious question --- I was just watching a PSA on TV pertaining to deafness, and I wondered if anyone knows of any deaf DXers. Radio would be difficult, but deafness wouldn't limit ability to DX TV. Strange questions come to mind here, so I thought I'd ask (Mike Hawkins, WTFDA via DXLD)

Mike: I once worked a ham on 80m CW who was deaf. He rested his hand against a speaker cone to feel the sent code. I even received a QSL from him. It did not require a stamp since there is an allowance for handicap access to postal services. His call was N1 something or other. Fascinating contact. Really nice fist (Karl Zuk N2KZ, ibid.)

Larry Herritt, recently moved to Connecticut from Rochester has been a long-time TV DXer. He primarily uses a scanner which helps to identify stations by use of offsets. Until he moved he was my "Early DX Warning system", tipping me off to conditions by telephone while I was busy with my work day. Larry has never used a computer. He keeps his records in braille, but he has excellent recall of ofsets, times and dates regarding stations heard. Curiously, he has little or no interest in FM or AM. Quite a few years ago I drove him down to Suger Hill near Watkins Glen so he could try out his scanner from a high spot and he had a great time.

I also recently met Tim Hendel whose family lives in my town. Tim

lives in Alabama and has made a career as a language expert. He mostly DXes SW but seems to know a lot about AM and FM too. Through the years I've heard Tim's reports on Hauser's World of Radio (Jim Renfrew, NY, ibid.)

Mike, with all of the New RDS Readout and HD FM Receivers on the market now, Hearing Impaired DXers would even be able to DX the FM Band. They could use the RDS Readout to ID Stations without hearing them!!! Of course not all stations are using RDS Readout or HD, but more and more are, as time goes by. May open up a whole new DX Opportunity for Hearing Impaired DXers!! 73...ROB VA3SW (Robert S. Ross, London, Ontario CANADA, ibid.)

I'm blind, and I do not know of any radio that verbally reads RDS info. RDS seems to be the best way to quickly get station info, and surely must be better than sitting through ten-minute commercial breaks for Geico and other national advertisers. One HD radio manufacturer recently modified an already-existing radio to include call letter info from HD stations, but I can't believe it would be that tough to extract RDS data and speak it. Of course then there's the accompanying problem. If a manufacturer included it, there'd be no guarantee that the radio itself would be good for DX. A tool without the reception to go along with it would be like no tool at all (Rick Lewis, ibid.)

NOVO LAN«AMENTO DA MOTOBR¡S

Ol· pessoal, Veja aÌ o novo lanÁamento da Motobr·s. … o RM-PF121AC (12 faixas).
http://www.radioshopping.com.br/index.php?source=produto&produto=41
Um abraÁo, (Elizeu Lopes, Brasil, 21 July, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Elizeu: Veja o port·til Motoglobe RM-PFD16x7
http://www.radioshopping.com.br/index.php?source=produto&produto=24

AlÈm de cobrir (em 5 faixas de OC contÌnuas) de 1.8 MHz a 30 MHz, tem (junto ao mostrador comum) um mostrador de freq¸Íncia digital, o que È fundamental na procura e identificaÁ„o das emissoras. …, inclusive, uns "pilazinhos" mais barato. Se eu tivesse que escolher, escolhia o Motoglobe, que, no geral, È igual ao Motobr·s.

Mas o Motobr·s, apesar das suas 10 faixas de OC (de 3.05 MHz a 28.2 MHz), elas n„o s„o contÌnuas, e n„o tem nem a ampla cobertura do Motoglobe (1.8 > 30 MHz) e nem o mostrados digital - anexo.
AbraÁos, (Adail Augusto Agostini, ALEGRETE-RS, ibid.)

I wonder if any Unitedstatesians have any Brazilian-made SW receivers? Note the first one covers FM down to 70 MHz so it tunes TV analog

channel 4, 5 and 6 audio --- presumably using FMBC deviation rather than TV, making those less loud, as below (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FM on 87.7

Just curious: With FM radio now on 87.7 (TV audio), does that mean the FCC will be licensing radio stations for 87.9 in the US?

The reason I ask, the station on 87.7 in Denver is billing themselves as the 'newest FM radio station in Denver at 87.7'. This morning they are having a call-in talk program. I guess that means they must be marketing themselves in the Denver area as a radio station (Jim Thomas, wdx0fbu, Milliken, Colorado, (40 miles north of Denver), 40 18.642'N 104 52.566'W, July 27, WTFDA via DXLD)

The stations on 87.7 are TV stations (low-power TV stations) [and should really be on 87.74, 87.75 or 87.76! --- gh]. KXDP-LP may be marketing itself as a radio station, but it is NOT a radio station. Neither is (was) Pulse 87 in NYC, nor The L in Chicago, nor Almavision in Miami. They're all LPTVs. 87.7 is not available for assignment as an FM frequency; see FCC Regulation 73.501(a) on http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2009/octqtr/47cfr73.501.htm

I Am Not A Lawyer, but by my reading of the regulations, certain technical regulations that were applicable to full-power analog TV stations are *not* applicable to analog LPTVs. The peak modulation of an analog full-power TV station was limited to 25 kHz, that would be 33% modulation on an FM radio.

That regulation does not appear to apply to LPTVs. The aural power of a full-power TV station was limited to 22% of the visual power. That regulation does not appear to apply to LPTVs (by my reading, the same 3 kW limit that applies to the visual power of a channel 6 analog LPTV also applies to the aural power).

87.9 is different. 87.9 *is* available for assignment to FM radio stations. However, it's only available under certain VERY limited circumstances. See footnote \1\ on the gpo.gov link above. It can only be assigned to existing Class D stations which have been bumped from their frequencies by other operations.

Best I can tell, today there are only TWO stations authorized on 87.9.

One is KSFH in Mountain View, California; the other is translator K200AA in Sun Valley, Nevada. The latter station argued that an FM translator is a Class D station, and the FCC bought it.

A third station, WJCF-FM in Morristown, Indiana has filed to move from 88.1 to 87.9. This application has been accepted for filing, although WJCF is a Class B1 station; such stations are clearly not allowed to use 87.9 under 73.501. They have requested a waiver (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, ibid.)

It will be interesting to see what these 87.7 "radio" stations do when analog LPTV's are ordered to convert to DTV or shutdown. wrh (Bill Hepburn, Ont., ibid.)

U.S. BROADCASTERS SEEK CONDITIONS ON SPECTRUM PLAN
Reuters. Reporting by John Poirier
Editing by Richard Chang. Washington, July 20, 2010
http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN2026366120100720

U.S. broadcasters told the Obama administration they might sign on to the government's voluntary program to reallocate their highly-prized airwaves to wireless companies, as long as certain conditions are met.

The National Association of Broadcasters sent a letter to the White House on Monday to lay down conditions to protect broadcasters, in a sign that progress is being made on a plan to refocus spectrum use.

Broadcasters, fearing the program could come with harsher regulations, sought assurances that the government would not limit their signal strength or slap them with more fees.

The Obama administration and the Federal Communications Commission have urged broadcasters to voluntarily give up a swath of airwaves in exchange for proceeds from auctions.

The program is aimed at helping wireless companies deal with a looming spectrum crunch as more consumers turn to mobile devices to surf the Web.

The spectrum reallocation plan is part of the FCC's larger National Broadband Plan, which seeks to give more Americans access to high-speed Internet and wireless services.

AT&T Inc (T.N), Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile, the U.S. unit of Deutsche Telekom AG (DTEGn.DE) are among wireless companies seeking more spectrum. Verizon Wireless is a venture between Verizon Communications Inc (VZ.N) and Vodafone Group Plc (VOD.L).

NAB represents 7,500 local radio and TV stations including the big networks CBS Corp (CBS.N), Walt Disney Co's (DIS.N) ABC, News Corp's (NWSA.O) Fox, and NBC, which is majority-owned by General Electric Co (GE.N).

"Our goal is simple: to work collaboratively on a two-track strategy that accomplishes the administration's goals without compromising America's robust and reliable digital television service that remains free, local and ubiquitous," NAB President Gordon Smith wrote in a letter to National Economic Council Director Larry Summers.

In the letter Smith said he wants to ensure that broadcasters not interested in the voluntary program will not be subject to signal strength limitations or onerous new taxes for using current spectrum.

He added that broadcasters should also have the ability to provide viewers with mobile digital television programming.

The NAB letter comes as two senators introduced legislation that would give the FCC and the Commerce Department the authority to auction off spectrum and give some of the proceeds back to the license holders.

The FCC needs Congress to give it new authority before it can move forward with this type of auction.

In a move to prod broadcasters to relinquish some spectrum, the bill also includes a provision that would allow the FCC to assess an annual fee for spectrum holders.

The FCC regulates commercial spectrum and the Commerce Department oversees spectrum used by government agencies. Both are examining how spectrum is being utilized.

"We can and should know how our spectrum is being used and do more to encourage more efficient and productive use," said Democratic Senator John Kerry, who along with Republican Senator Olympia Snowe, offered a spectrum reform bill.

There is no companion legislation in the House of Representatives.
(via Mike Terry, July 21, dxldyg via DXLD)

FCC CALLSIGNS AND SUFFIXES

Re OKLAHOMA: Glenn Hauser wrote: > W9WI.com listing shows calls KOCM without any suffix but licensed as DT, 50 kW, 416m.

The official calls are simply KOCM. There are very few -DT callsigns left.

Initially, during the transition, the FCC assigned -DT suffixes to all DTV stations. Presumably, this was to distinguish between WISC-TV analog on channel 3 and WISC-DT digital on channel 50 - so we didn't

have two WISC-TVs on two different channels. [0]

After the transition -- I forget whether it was last fall or this spring -- the FCC deleted all the -DT suffixes. The callsigns of digital stations reverted to whatever had been the call of the associated analog station. WTMJ-TV analog RF 4 Milwaukee begat WTMJ-DT digital RF 28; after Transition, when analog RF 4 went away, it became WTMJ-TV digital RF 28. KFOR-TV analog RF 4 OKC begat KFOR-DT digital RF 27; after Transition, with KFOR's analog signal gone, the RF-27 digital station switched from KFOR-DT to KFOR-TV. KOCM's analog signal was lacking the -TV suffix; it was KOCM-DT during Transition but now, it's back to just plain KOCM.

The Commission did allow stations to opt to keep the -DT suffix. Most if not all the Univision-owned stations did. So we still have WQHS-DT in Cleveland and WFUT-DT in Newark, among others. However, except for the Univision outlets, VERY few stations kept the -DT.

[0] Ironically, right around transition they decided not to assign separate callsigns for DTV Replacement Translators or Distributed Transmission System transmitters. So now, there are two WTVF's in Nashville and at least two WTVE's in eastern Pennsylvania. If I'm not mistaken, there are now three KIRO-TVs in western Washington State. (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, WTFDA via DXLD)

I wasn`t really expecting a KOCM-DT, but maybe a KOCM-TV.

It seems to me there is no rhyme or reason to the suffix game. I was just looking thru your California listing and note e.g. San Francisco Ch. 30 is KQED, not KQED-TV. FCC TV Query agrees, and in FCC FM Query, we have KQED-FM (and FM2) on 88.5. Would this have anything to do with the TV station coming first chronologically, and the FM station added later (maybe the case, as happened with a lot of public TV stations adding radio)? What if `QED also had an AM station with the same calls. AM always gets priority with never any suffix, even if it`s the least among equals, so then the TV would have to become KQED-TV, even if the AM were a recent acquisition. The TV could be KQED-TV already if the station wanted it to be. Are all these assumptions correct?

All this is further confused by some trade publications who ought to know better, adding spurious -AM suffixes to AM stations, and maybe also -TV where it does not officially apply. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

I think it's just up to how the station chose to do it. If they'd chosen KQED-TV when the TV station came first, they could have used just KQED for the later-acquired FM.

Yes, there is no such thing as an -AM suffix. So if KQED acquired, for

example, KFAX 1100 AM, they could change the AM calls to KQED at which point the TV station would have to switch to KQED-TV.

And yes, the TV station could choose to be KQED-TV right now, even if they didn't acquire an AM. One reason they might do so is at the request of some other station which might want to be KQED (AM).

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I guess the rules are thus:

- AM stations NEVER get a suffix.
- FM and TV stations MUST have a suffix if necessary to ensure a unique callsign -- if there's already another station with the same first four letters in some other service.
- FM and TV stations MAY optionally have a suffix even if not necessary to ensure a unique callsign.
- TV stations MAY optionally have the -DT suffix.

- LPFM stations MUST have the -LP suffix.
- LPTV stations MUST have the -LP (analog) or -LD (digital) suffix unless they have a letter-number call.
- Digital LPTV stations with a number-letter call USUALLY have a -D suffix.
- Class A TV stations MUST have the -CA (analog) or -CD (digital) suffix. (this includes Class A stations with number-letter calls, though there are very few such stations)
- At DTV stations with subchannels, the same call letters apply to (and must be announced on) all subchannels.

- It is permissible for an LPFM and a full-power FM to have the same first four letters.
- It is permissible for a LPTV and a Class A TV station to have the same first four letters.

(so you could have both WZMF 98.3 and WZMF-LP 94.9. And you could have WKRP-LP channel 27 and WKRP-CD channel 38.)

- AM and FM stations using HD Radio do NOT change their callsigns. They MUST indicate that they're operating a digital signal. "WBBM-FM Chicago and WBBM HD" -- the calls of the digital signal are WBBM-FM, WBBM-HD is merely a slogan. But it's also a good way of indicating WBBM-FM is operating a digital signal, as required by the FCC.
(Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, ibid.)

MAD MEN EXAGGERATES ANALOG TV BREAKUP

Does anyone watch Mad Men and notice how every shot of a 1960's era

television screen portrays excessive ghosting and vertical scrolling (in both Manhattan and Westchester)? I'm not one to say how analog reception looked in 1964 Manhattan, but I suppose that such exaggeration resonates better with viewers` notions of black and white TV reception (Tim Katlic, Los Angeles, CA, July 26, WTFDA via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See GERMANY; INDIA; LIBYA
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also CANADA; gh logs: OKLAHOMA; U S A
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DTV REMAPPING: IT ACTUALLY *IS* REQUIRED BY THE FCC

Some stations seem to think remapping properly is optional. A release from the Media Bureau today confirms that it isn't....

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-10-1342A1.txt

in which WACX-TV in Florida is denied reconsideration of a FCC order to cease using 40 as their major virtual channel. Their RF channel is 40, but their old analog channel was 55. The PSIP standard, as incorporated by reference in the FCC regulations, requires them to use their old analog channel as their major virtual channel. However, they've been using 40. WWSB -- whose old analog channel was 40, and who is required by the same regulation to use 40 as their major virtual channel, complained that WACX's illegal use of virtual channel 40 was making it impossible for some viewers to receive WWSB.

WACX alleged that the FCC Video Division staff had ordered them to use virtual channel 40; that the A/65C standard covering major virtual channels (and incorporated by reference in FCC regulation 73.682(d)) did not exist on March 1, 2006 when WACX ceased analog operation and went digital-only; and that it would be burdensome for viewers and cable systems to change to virtual channel 55.

The Commission denies all three claims.

- The Digital Transition Authorization Letter, which WACX claimed authorized them to use major virtual channel 40, states "commence digital operations on DTV [c]hannel 40. The FCC meant *RF* channel 40, and *every* other DTV station interpreted this letter that way.

- The FCC concedes that A/65C didn't yet exist on March 1, 2006. However, the previous A/65B version of the standard *did* exist - and A/65B contained identical language covering the selection of major channel numbers:

- For broadcasters with existing NTSC licenses, the major channel number for the existing NTSC channels, as well as the digital virtual channels, controlled by the broadcaster, shall be set to the current NTSC RF channel number.

- The FCC allows waiver of the PSIP standard when a unique situation exists that is not provided for in the standard. WACX has not (in the Commission's opinion -- or in mine) shown a unique situation not provided for in the standard.

This doesn't mean there aren't stations using the wrong virtual channel. It just means if someone complains... they are likely to get a nastygram from Washington. -- (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, July 20, WTFDA via DXLD)

SOLAR PANELS AND DTV

Has anyone run into this curiosity yet? I got a call from a TV shop in Fort Collins, CO this morning. I've known the owner of the shop for several years. He has been installing antennas for several years as an additional service to his repair business. He proceeded to tell me about a client that has solar panels on the roof of the house. He installed the TV antenna on the north side of the house, looking across the panels to the SW, to the Denver antenna complex. The customer has complained now, saying that during the day (when the sun is up), they get -0- TV signals. When the sun goes down, they get EVERY Denver DTV station. It is a daily ritual for the customer - sun up, no signal; sun down, ALL signals.

Anyone have any 'work arounds' on this? The TV shop owner would like me to provide any feedback to him. Thanks (Jim Thomas, wdx0fbu, Milliken, Colorado, WTFDA via DXLD)

Jim, I'd say that you're getting thermal "waves" building up over the solar panels that are dense enough to reflect signals away from the antenna. This is very similar to the the mirage effect that you get over long stretches of road, etc.

The only solutions are:

1.) Move the panels or antenna so that they are not "in a line" towards the desired DTV targets.
2.) Raise the antenna higher, allowing more time for the heat to dissipate. Even then, the customer may receive a lot of artifacts as the intensity of the "mirage" varies.

We see similar problems a lot here in the South, where it's 105 degrees here in the shade. Rooftops cause similar problems for OTA TV

antennas here, when the antennas are only mounted a few feet above the roof. During analog days it wasn't a problem, because the customer would only notice some signal loss on UHF frequencies...but DTV is much more sensitive to the issue (Les Rayburn, AL, ibid.)

Heat inversion.

I have a viewer here in west central Ohio who gets Toledo stations the same way with an antenna pointed over a freshly paved asphalt parking lot. Daytime with the parking lot at 120+ degrees no sig, as it cools the sigs return, and at night, perfect decode.

Here's the problem: signal intensity is fair. Shooting through the parking lot, and looking at an analyzer you can see the effects of the heat columns rise, as the carriers within the 6 MHz spread will dance up and down. Further, looking at them with my DTV analyzer, I can see 70-80% signal level, but the BER and SNR are in the dirt. SNR usually is less than 10%. The set, a Sanyo flatscreen, won't decode till it has at least 15 dB SNR or better.

We helped matters by using (2) of the Antenna Direct screen with bow-tie antennas, separated by about 3 feet, and then phased together. The SNR and BER became better, but now antenna aiming was critical. So the viewer had to get a better rotor.

Hey, I thought digital was suppose to be "all that & the chocolate sauce". :) Seriously, Jim, the heat rising in the path of the signal is causing random blockage of the signal (Fred Vobbe, OH, ibid.)

Just one minor correction - an inversion is hot air over cooler air. Since this is cooler air over hot air - it's not an inversion (which is stable) but instead a very unstable airmass with rising hot air which = anti-tropo. Probably a very localized negative tropo index over the roof. Signals passing into the heat zone will suddenly be refracted and curve in all sorts of rapidly changing directions instead of going straight towards the antenna.

In reference to mirages. Inversions create superior mirages..where things below the horizon (like cities and towers) appear above the horizon. The "water in the road" type mirage is an inferior mirage where things above the horizon (the blue sky) appear below the horizon (on the road).

Maybe strapping big blocks of ice to the roof will help. Wrh (Bill Hepburn, Ont., meteorologist, ibid.)

PROPAGATION
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LONG DISTANCE DAYTIME AM DX

Hi Glenn, Saw your article in World Of Radio about long distance daytime AM DX on April 20, 2010. I had a similar experience on the same day while traveling across the mid section of the country, headed from Denver to NY via I-70.

I wrote the story up in my blog last April: http://radio-timetraveller.blogspot.com/2010/04/cross-country-pipeline-daytime-mw-dx.html

I was able to receive KGAB-650 (Cheyenne, WY) at the Mississippi River (791 miles) and KKZN-760 (Denver) in western Illinois (827 miles) that afternoon on a truck radio. These were amazing conditions.

Anyway, I thought I would relate to you that at least one other experienced the same conditions. Best 73s, (Bill WE7W Scott, Radio-Timetraveller, July 25, WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Bill, Glad to read of your experiences. The only other report I know of is someone in Omaha who was getting KOA long past the time it should have faded out.

I assume you noted my theory that the Space Shuttle landing track across this area that day had something to do with it, such as disrupting the normally absorbing D-layer. I`m hoping for a similar setup in the remaining missions. The next one came in over Central America and Cuba instead.

Please let me know of any other unusual propagation you experience on the road. 73, (Glenn to Bill via DXLD)

NO SIGN OF HAWAII ON MINI-DXPEDITION [trans-Pacific tropo ducting]

This afternoon I bit the bullet and went for a 55 mile, 2 hour drive up the coast to just east of Point Mugu to see if luck would swing my way. It did not, but I learned some lessons for future Hawaiian efforts:

1. The marine layer was really hanging out in the Point Mugu area. At 3:30pm, Malibu was sunny and about 70 degrees, but when I entered Ventura county it became cloudy with temps from 61-64.
2. Nulling Mt. Wilson or Santa Barbara signals is not a problem. I was getting the 101.1 Ensenada, Mexico (3 kW) from 200 miles away with little sign of KRTH, and even 102.7 from over the mountains in Fresno came through reliably for many miles on the PCH.
3. San Diego is a problem. These were all in solid HD, with

subchannels reliably coming through for the entire trip up the coast. Even so, there were still many frequencies to work with.

4. Tropo scatter is a factor. For example, I managed to null 105.5 in Long Beach and 105.5 in nearby Ojai, but had an unexpected 105.5 Rosamond complicating things. Also, the Palm Springs stations really get out. I was not prepared for this. Internet access via my phone really helped clear the confusion.

5. I need to re-visit my Hawaiian target list and update with stations that reflect KH6HME's location/height on Mauna Loa (Hilo area seems more likely than Honolulu). The list also needs more detail regarding station formats.

6. QSL.net reports http://dx.qsl.net/propagation/tropo.php are more useful than the Sherlock map, especially via 3-yr old mobile device

(Tim Katlic, Los Angeles, CA, July 25, WTFDA via DXLD)

Geomagnetic field activity was at predominantly quiet levels from 19-22 July. Activity increased slightly to quiet to unsettled levels on 23-25 July. An isolated period at active levels was observed at high latitudes on 25 July. The increase in activity was due to a recurrent co-rotating interactive region (CIR) with a coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS) moving into a geoeffective position.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 28 JULY - 23 AUGUST 2010

Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels during most of the period. However, there is a chance for isolated C-class flares from Region 1089 until it departs the visible disk on 01 August. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels during 28 July - 07 August. Normal to moderate flux levels are expected during the remainder of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels with a chance for brief active periods from 28-29 July as a recurrent CH HSS continues to disturb the field. Quiet conditions are expected during 30 July - 09 August. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels with a chance for brief active periods during 10 - 12 August due to a recurrent CH HSS. Quiet conditions are expected during 13 - 22 August. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels with a chance for brief active periods on 23 August due to a recurrent CH HSS.

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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2010 Jul 28	84	10	3
2010 Jul 29	84	8	3
2010 Jul 30	84	5	2
2010 Jul 31	84	5	2
2010 Aug 01	82	5	2
2010 Aug 02	80	5	2
2010 Aug 03	76	5	2
2010 Aug 04	76	5	2
2010 Aug 05	78	5	2
2010 Aug 06	80	5	2
2010 Aug 07	80	5	2
2010 Aug 08	80	5	2
2010 Aug 09	80	5	2
2010 Aug 10	78	10	3
2010 Aug 11	78	10	3
2010 Aug 12	78	8	3
2010 Aug 13	78	5	2
2010 Aug 14	80	5	2
2010 Aug 15	82	5	2
2010 Aug 16	86	5	2
2010 Aug 17	86	5	2
2010 Aug 18	86	5	2
2010 Aug 19	86	5	2
2010 Aug 20	84	5	2
2010 Aug 21	84	5	2
2010 Aug 22	84	8	3
2010 Aug 23	84	15	4

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1523, DXLD) ####